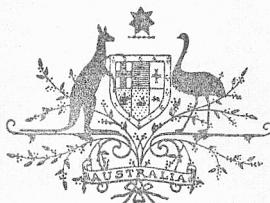


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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-blood Australian Aboriginals).						Popula- tion— Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1940.	
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 30th September, 1942. (a)				
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.		
N. S. W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,425,509	1,416,005	2,841,514	1,310,530	
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	976,079	992,192	1,968,271	1,076,700	
Q'land	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	535,395	499,580	1,034,975	335,520	
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	303,092	305,648	608,740	(b) 330,000	
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	242,399	228,250	470,649	228,000	
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	121,103	118,603	239,706	66,620	
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	6,416	2,139	8,555	3,900	
A.C.T. .	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	6,465	5,766	12,231	11,000	
Total . .	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,616,458	3,568,183	7,184,641	3,362,270	

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Approximate.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD
ABORIGINALS.(a)

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b) (c)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1937	2,710,738	1,859,487	993,461	591,201	457,111	238,990	5,354	10,248	6,866,590
1938	2,735,695	1,873,760	1,004,150	595,109	462,461	241,407	5,645	11,464	6,929,691
1939	2,764,782	1,886,356	1,018,477	598,463	467,376	242,422	7,187	12,263	6,997,326
1940	2,789,123	1,918,774	1,029,613	598,091	468,311	243,057	8,852	12,868	7,068,689
1941	2,812,321	1,952,152	1,036,830	605,689	467,082	241,171	9,615	12,361	7,137,221

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD
ABORIGINALS.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b) (c)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,788,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1937	2,694,679	1,856,033	989,668	589,143	454,295	233,951	5,411	10,195	6,833,375
1938	2,721,196	1,867,818	1,000,749	592,579	459,977	235,678	5,726	11,124	6,894,847
1939	2,749,134	1,881,942	1,013,327	596,137	465,042	238,001	6,273	11,990	6,961,846
1940	2,776,154	1,903,941	1,024,807	598,222	468,005	240,243	8,244	12,745	7,032,361
1941	2,799,155	1,937,133	1,034,799	600,335	467,992	239,417	10,140	13,081	7,102,052

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Prior to 1911 part of New South Wales.
(c) Revised estimates based on the results of the Census of the Australian Capital Territory on 30th June, 1938, are as follows:—(i) 31st December—1937, 11,043; (ii) Mean—1937, 10,902.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Year ended 31st December, 1942.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.(a)			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
New South Wales	27,160	25,488	52,648	16,461	12,758	29,219	34,533
Victoria ..	18,402	17,525	35,927	11,520	10,453	21,973	23,636
Queensland ..	10,878	10,288	21,166	5,619	4,004	9,623	11,722
South Australia ..	5,817	5,461	11,278	3,616	3,096	6,712	8,129
Western Australia ..	5,019	4,882	9,901	2,973	2,103	5,076	5,441
Tasmania ..	2,693	2,612	5,305	1,284	1,146	2,430	2,431
Northern Territory ..	50	42	92	70	13	83	53
Australian Capital Territory ..	209	183	392	46	31	77	115
Total ..	70,228	66,481	136,709	41,589	33,604	75,193	86,060

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

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State or Territory.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales	47,319	48,003	49,382	51,729	52,648
Victoria	30,344	30,493	31,962	34,406	35,927
Queensland	18,992	20,348	20,412	21,519	21,166
South Australia	9,410	9,618	10,017	10,965	11,278
Western Australia	9,141	9,036	9,121	10,118	9,901
Tasmania	4,907	5,004	4,994	5,206	5,305
Northern Territory	102	138	173	216	92
Australian Capital Territory	200	251	286	366	392
Total	120,415	122,891	126,347	134,525	136,709

BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales	17.39	17.46	17.79	18.48	18.60	(a)
Victoria	16.25	16.20	16.79	17.76	18.27	
Queensland	18.98	20.08	19.92	20.80	20.46	
South Australia	15.88	16.13	16.74	18.26	18.54	
Western Australia	19.87	19.43	19.49	21.62	21.06	
Tasmania	20.82	21.03	20.79	21.75	22.09	
Northern Territory	17.81	22.00	20.98	21.30	10.45	
Australian Capital Territory	17.98	20.93	22.44	27.98	32.15	
Total	17.46	17.65	17.96	18.94	19.06	

NOTE.—Birth, death and marriage rates for the Australian Capital Territory have been adjusted in accordance with the revised mean population set out in the footnote to p. 3.

(a) Preliminary.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
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DEATHS(a)—NUMBER.

New South Wales	26,105	26,815	26,143	27,300
Victoria	18,955	20,169	20,293	20,522
Queensland ..	..	9,201	9,530	9,203	9,530
South Australia ..	..	5,539	5,739	5,708	6,288
Western Australia ..	..	4,234	4,336	4,486	4,769
Tasmania ..	..	2,288	2,426	2,387	2,575
Northern Territory ..	..	69	88	86	122
Australian Capital Territory ..	..	60	44	78	70
Total ..	..	66,451	69,147	68,384	71,176
					75,193

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

						(a)
New South Wales ..	..	9.59	9.75	9.42	9.75	10.32
Victoria ..	..	10.15	10.72	10.66	10.59	11.18
Queensland ..	..	9.19	9.40	8.98	9.21	9.30
South Australia ..	..	9.35	9.63	9.54	10.47	11.04
Western Australia ..	..	9.20	9.32	9.59	10.19	10.80
Tasmania ..	..	9.71	10.19	9.94	10.76	10.12
Northern Territory ..	..	12.05	14.03	10.43	12.03	9.43
Australian Capital Territory ..	..	5.39	3.67	6.12	5.35	6.32
Total ..	..	9.64	9.93	9.72	10.02	10.49

NOTE.—See footnote to p. 4.

(a) Preliminary.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	..	24,579	25,471	30,364	29,983	34,533
Victoria ..	..	17,113	17,368	22,299	20,898	23,636
Queensland ..	..	8,853	9,108	10,287	9,885	11,722
South Australia ..	..	5,489	5,670	6,950	6,855	8,129
Western Australia ..	..	4,153	4,195	5,234	5,077	5,441
Tasmania ..	..	2,082	2,264	2,476	2,150	2,431
Northern Territory ..	..	67	85	154	179	53
Australian Capital Territory ..	..	75	88	125	121	115
Total ..	..	62,411	64,249	77,889	75,148	86,060

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.					
New South Wales ..	9.03	9.27	10.94	10.02	12.20
Victoria ..	9.16	9.23	11.71	10.79	12.02
Queensland ..	8.85	8.99	10.04	9.55	11.33
South Australia ..	9.26	9.51	11.62	11.42	13.37
Western Australia ..	9.03	9.02	11.18	10.85	11.57
Tasmania ..	8.83	9.51	10.31	8.98	10.12
Northern Territory ..	11.70	13.55	18.68	17.65	6.02
Australian Capital Territory ..	6.74	7.34	9.81	9.25	9.43
Total ..	9.05	9.23	11.08	10.58	12.00

NOTE.—See footnote to p. 4.

(a) Preliminary.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales ..	1,980	1,969	1,927	2,264	2,112
Victoria ..	1,038	1,085	1,261	1,246	1,500
Queensland ..	784	722	721	842	736
South Australia ..	287	336	356	356	445
Western Australia ..	309	369	403	357	364
Tasmania ..	195	203	176	255	225
Northern Territory ..	6	8	8	18	4
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	6	3	6	10
Total ..	4,607	4,698	4,855	5,344	5,396

INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales ..	41.84	41.02	39.02	43.77	40.12
Victoria ..	34.21	35.58	39.45	36.21	41.75
Queensland ..	41.28	35.48	35.32	39.13	34.77
South Australia ..	30.50	34.93	35.54	32.47	39.46
Western Australia ..	33.83	40.84	44.18	35.28	36.76
Tasmania ..	39.74	40.57	35.24	48.98	42.41
Northern Territory ..	58.82	57.97	46.24	83.33	43.48
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	23.90	10.49	16.39	25.51
Total ..	38.26	38.23	38.43	39.72	39.47

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of (a) over (b).
	Males.	Females.	Persons.(a)	Males.	Females.	Persons.(b)	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(c) 10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1936 ..	29,726	30,168	59,894	29,045	29,352	58,397	1,497
1937 ..	35,123	34,679	69,802	32,161	32,438	64,599	5,203
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1939 ..	37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940 ..	19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,400
1941 ..	11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184

(c) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.
AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
1935-36 ..	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1935-36 ..	11,956,966	1,564,171	297,616	3,007,470	335,094	19,974,042
1936-37 ..	12,316,862	1,524,861	317,710	3,100,876	359,328	20,602,595
1937-38 ..	13,734,951	1,408,422	320,207	2,932,465	369,896	21,951,731
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1939-40 ..	13,285,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,249,512
1940-41 ..	12,644,646	1,722,902	362,861	2,353,506	371,623	21,118,189

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
1935-36 ..	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1935-36 ..	144,217,769	18,720,774	7,467,705	3,497,677	4,500,907	646,541
1936-37 ..	151,389,952	16,662,279	7,246,383	3,447,647	5,445,740	782,834
1937-38 ..	187,255,673	17,165,061	6,816,612	3,423,753	5,494,610	810,319
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1939-40 ..	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,369	928,621
1940-41 ..	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,523,416	806,457

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(a)	Tons.(a)
1935-36 ..	12.06	11.97	25.09	1.16	18.84	2.71
1936-37 ..	12.29	10.93	22.81	1.11	21.26	3.06
1937-38 ..	13.63	12.19	21.29	1.15	21.48	3.17
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1939-40 ..	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940-41 ..	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.95

(a) Per acre of productive crop.

NOTE.—Estimated production of Cane Sugar 1941-42, 744,000 tons, and 1942-43, 625,000 tons.

AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1937-38	4,484,664	2,686,057	372,935	3,161,739	3,026,420	21,081	2,055	13,734,951
1938-39	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1939-40	4,380,595	2,827,417	362,044	2,734,595	2,970,411	7,495	2,448	13,285,005
1940-41	4,453,963	2,672,728	322,081	2,560,390	2,625,401	8,038	2,045	12,644,646
1941-42(a)	3,968,758	2,757,080	350,000	2,325,717	2,653,419	6,414	1,294	12,062,682
1942-43(a)	3,100,000	2,400,000	250,000	2,038,743	1,760,016	5,000	1,000	9,554,759

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1937-38	55,104,000	48,173,191	3,749,443	43,428,423	36,224,800	526,007	49,809	187,255,673
1938-39	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,021
1939-40	76,552,000	45,054,592	6,794,906	41,071,696	40,861,000	107,719	45,398	210,487,306
1940-41	23,933,100	13,521,422	5,687,350	17,856,118	21,060,000	140,375	34,959	82,233,324
1941-42a	48,500,000	46,953,840	3,000,000	30,511,112	37,500,000	145,191	22,824	166,632,967
1942-43a	52,000,000	42,000,000	5,000,000	37,000,000	20,700,000	100,000	20,000	156,820,000

(a) Subject to revision.

Principal Crops—Australia—continued.

AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1937-38	12.34	17.93	10.05	13.74	11.97	24.95	24.24	13.63
1938-39	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1939-40	17.48	15.93	18.77	15.02	13.76	14.37	18.54	15.84
1940-41	5.37	5.06	17.66	6.97	8.02	17.46	17.09	6.50
1941-42a	12.22	17.03	8.57	13.12	14.13	17.92	17.64	13.81
1942-43a	16.77	17.50	20.00	18.14	11.76	20.00	20.00	16.41

(a) Subject to revision.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

31st Dec.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria. (a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N.Terr.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia.
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SHEEP.

1937	51,563,131	18,863,467	22,497,970	8,904,402	8,732,076	2,520,950	26,856	263,616	113,372,518
1938	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1939	54,372,472	18,251,970	24,190,931	9,940,570	9,574,433	2,677,120	38,587	259,408	119,305,391
1940	55,567,576	20,412,362	23,936,099	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,791	122,693,601
1941b	56,737,000	20,598,201	25,196,245	10,245,894	9,722,780	2,398,201	c 33,703	262,563	125,194,587
1942b	(d)	19,614,040	25,150,000	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)

CATTLE.

1937	8,010,581	1,880,429	5,959,165	324,163	740,241	254,812	891,640	8,325	13,078,356
1938	8,311,884	1,697,295	6,097,089	318,897	767,630	262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1939	2,762,653	1,787,597	6,193,798	351,013	799,175	252,484	922,581	5,879	13,080,180
1940	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,928	259,108	922,308	6,636	13,255,841
1941b	2,878,450	1,982,541	6,303,467	393,143	839,731	253,106	c 922,308	7,423	13,590,172
1942b	(d)	2,022,892	6,400,000	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)

HORSES.

1937	528,625	359,106	445,916	197,334	151,067	31,578	31,662	1,225	1,746,513
1938	531,355	343,828	444,521	105,834	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1939	534,837	326,217	444,956	190,013	139,207	29,605	32,721	1,241	1,608,797
1940	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,685,616
1941b	525,697	302,401	432,469	171,092	124,402	28,612	c 30,716	1,283	1,616,672
1942b	(d)	292,534	450,000	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)

PIGS.

1937	356,765	285,259	282,941	66,647	64,598	43,067	388	417	1,100,082
1938	377,344	252,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1939	451,064	297,655	391,333	119,680	149,804	44,941	483	601	1,455,341
1940	507,776	397,945	438,447	190,068	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,821
1941b	454,102	285,227	352,360	114,244	163,196	46,204	(c) 407	854	1,416,594
1942b	(d)	307,929	315,000	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)

(a) March, year following.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Not available. Previous year's

figures taken.

(d) Not yet available.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (b)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	Australia.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1936-37	505,375,065	163,048,510	153,766,368	76,604,296	69,935,210	14,067,000	35,000	982,831,449
1937-38	496,824,150	178,800,131	174,751,230	86,606,388	70,634,855	15,598,500	35,000	1,023,390,304
1938-39	439,049,939	165,823,182	179,458,589	102,888,121	78,802,143	17,519,000	35,000	983,581,974
1939-40	548,505,998	179,125,526	195,770,277	105,265,869	80,657,367	18,334,000	35,000	1,127,694,087
1940-41	539,035,404	187,831,364	214,704,450	106,648,992	76,170,000	17,078,157	308,128	1,141,774,495
1941-42	549,190,574	(c)	(c)	105,124,013	78,500,000	16,985,404	(c)	1,130,000,000

(a) Including Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Not available.

(b) For year ended previous 31st December.

(d) Estimated.

NOTE.—The figure of 195,770,277 lb. shown for Queensland for 1939-40 relates to production in the year ended December, 1939. The estimated production in the year ended June, 1940, was 214,360,000 lb.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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BUTTER.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1936-37..	49,032	69,093	39,051	9,327	5,518	4,874	7	176,902
1937-38..	53,966	63,090	52,788	10,013	6,863	5,356	6	192,082
1938-39..	53,045	58,292	70,369	9,248	7,252	5,284	8	203,498
1939-40..	52,149	73,583	63,771	10,240	6,942	5,295	7	211,987
1940-41..	48,466	69,797	53,545	9,544	6,803	4,730	10	192,895
1941-42(b)	40,000	63,125	44,018	9,196	7,634	4,732	6	168,711

CHEESE.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1936-37..	3,311	5,960	3,478	5,431	452	1,337	..	19,969
1937-38..	3,574	7,351	5,341	6,927	395	1,683	..	25,271
1938-39..	3,342	8,729	7,040	8,240	438	1,518	..	29,307
1939-40..	3,037	10,935	6,183	9,174	378	1,447	..	31,154
1940-41..	2,888	8,204	5,238	8,673	429	1,355	..	26,787
1941-42(b)	2,277	9,955	7,277	8,304	580	1,339	..	29,732

BACON AND HAM.

	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1936-37..	21,022,401	17,571,792	20,229,728	7,573,620	44,098,448	2,132,464	1,151	72,629,604
1937-38..	21,374,691	16,696,404	19,807,223	6,196,378	44,010,446	2,454,528	520	70,340,190
1938-39..	26,418,687	16,510,137	19,021,752	5,987,383	4,242,083	2,273,601	340	74,458,963
1939-40..	26,046,025	17,886,305	20,040,740	7,046,860	4,671,665	2,893,805	570	78,585,970
1940-41..	31,564,332	20,039,929	23,069,768	7,492,948	5,160,199	2,045,233	710	89,378,111
1941-42b	34,250,000	19,270,000	24,490,000	8,830,000	6,150,000	2,090,000	1,400	95,081,409

(a) Excluding Bacon and Ham made from green bacon.

(b) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Copper.	Pig-iron. (a)	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Oz.	Ton.	Ton.
1936 ..	1,178,551	11,870,409	16,083	783,233	212,038	11,976,090	2,963	145,900
1937 ..	1,381,135	12,074,274	19,739	913,406	240,036	13,778,080	3,099	146,740
1938 ..	1,592,034	11,680,159	20,326	929,676	239,590	13,895,541	3,331	163,381
1939 ..	1,645,697	18,535,142	(b)	1,104,805	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1940 ..	1,643,999	11,725,683	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1941 ..	1,496,698	(d)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1942 ..	1,155,804	(d)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Year ended June.

(b) Not available for publication.

(c) Subject to revision.

(d) Not yet available.

VALUE^(a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
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GOLD.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1937 ..	595,855	1,266,507	1,104,760	60,372	8,688,921	176,130	100,462	11,993,007
1938 ..	780,958	1,273,351	1,334,783	46,922	10,286,349	195,079	109,163	14,026,615
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	133,414	16,002,472
1940 ..	1,068,692	1,924,396	1,351,654	34,892	12,697,219	204,248	238,849	17,519,950
1941 ..	941,244	1,600,016	1,164,621	17,908	11,852,452	212,710	201,599	15,990,550
1942(b)	807,436	1,060,910	1,007,790	11,290	8,865,806	194,144	132,869	12,080,245

SILVER AND LEAD.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1935 ..	8,189,388	642	755,899	..	12,687	68,713	..	4,022,829
1936 ..	8,820,785	525	899,101	357	14,001	215,449	..	4,950,218
1937 ..	4,310,613	491	1,172,531	371	27,844	308,262	328	5,820,440
1938(c)	3,520,465	647	926,614	70	29,477	267,773	..	4,745,046

(a) Except for Gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Later figures are not available for publication.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	Aust.
COPPER.								
1934 ..	£25,398	..	£95,903	£8,475	..	£267,342	..	£397,118
1935 ..	30,071	..	101,489	11,065	..	464,007	..	606,382
1936 ..	53,687	..	161,638	22,609	..	556,734	1,871	796,886
1937 ..	72,406	..	308,968	21,620	986	759,332	(b) 55	1,168,367
1938(c)	87,905	..	208,967	15,333	1,275	580,238	(b) 4,362	893,080
TIN.								
1934 ..	£328,130	3,886	179,404	..	6,765	219,246	9,566	746,997
1935 ..	287,890	14,475	187,234	..	8,829	258,919	6,036	763,383
1936 ..	268,454	14,750	157,889	..	6,882	206,656	4,176	658,807
1937 ..	336,628	44,127	202,614	..	12,421	260,673	(b) 7,205	863,668
1938(c)	286,768	28,650	141,547	..	7,421	244,037	(b) 3,205	711,628
COAL (Black and Brown).								
1935 ..	4,887,341	509,697	843,034	..	318,013	86,204	..	6,734,289
1936 ..	5,126,850	577,749	858,732	..	531,565	92,269	..	6,987,165
1937 ..	5,823,469	497,319	934,107	..	340,444	66,883	..	7,662,222
1938 ..	5,603,842	532,822	958,884	..	375,083	61,991	..	7,539,022
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,187,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	9,019,540
1940 ..	6,125,585	622,001	1,151,567	..	364,500	63,688	..	8,327,341
ALL MINERALS.								
1935 ..	9,210,820	1,394,253	2,887,440	2,498,617	6,107,990	1,071,507	76,900	28,247,527
1936 ..	10,136,789	1,623,008	3,613,511	2,513,359	7,771,454	1,624,036	98,601	27,380,753
1937 ..	11,981,891	1,832,195	4,392,492	2,509,449	9,230,182	2,282,365	(b) 205,851	32,434,425
1938 ..	10,731,391	1,884,015	3,986,119	2,932,473	10,844,469	1,889,804	(b) 214,724	32,462,995
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	(b) 244,478	36,338,814
1940(d)	12,791,293	2,596,117	5,105,629	3,218,237	13,230,552	2,749,817	(b) 311,024	40,002,669

(a) Year ended 30th June. (b) Year ended December. (c) Later figures are not available for publication. (d) Subject to revision.

ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Agricul-tural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry and Bee-farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing. (a)	Total.
	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.
1935-36 ..	75,388	91,286	47,533	11,424	23,248	155,891	404,770
1936-37 ..	91,403	105,499	49,886	11,765	27,381	170,811	456,745
1937-38 ..	93,229	100,794	57,641	14,755	32,434	188,061	486,914
1938-39 ..	76,851	84,895	60,404	14,634	32,463	195,746	464,993
1939-40 ..	95,369	104,972	62,070	15,347	36,839	212,488	527,085
1940-41 ..	71,398	111,232	62,523	16,847	40,003	248,751	550,754

(a) Net value. These amounts differ from those given in the following tables, owing to the inclusion in those tables of certain products which in this table are included with Dairy Farming and Forestry.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1935-36	24,894	492,771	82,098,288	239,840,993	238,974,797	162,437,363	414,688,455
1936-37	25,668	523,948	90,123,132	246,203,232	260,578,903	177,684,645	451,829,278
1937-38	26,395	559,160	102,078,550	257,998,600	287,243,412	196,488,024	498,779,141
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1939-40	27,111	587,663	114,517,633	285,209,557	315,076,697	221,295,153	553,253,317
1940-41	27,300	650,073	137,919,068	305,449,890	367,157,852	257,914,349	644,794,908

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—DETAILS FOR STATES.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1939-40.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,458	9,215	3,064	2,265	2,129	980	27,111
2. Hands employed (a) .. ,	236,974	212,461	55,541	45,050	22,967	14,670	587,663
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	47,692,551	39,576,293	11,440,661	8,546,800	4,575,180	2,636,148	114,517,633
4. Value of fuel used .. £	8,135,614	4,358,419	1,588,782	1,130,137	1,198,194	520,321	16,881,467
5. „ materials used £	134,453,735	95,917,551	46,241,222	22,162,881	10,081,364	6,219,944	315,076,697
6. „ production £	96,609,307	74,028,431	20,973,138	14,403,520	9,027,728	6,253,029	221,295,153
7. „ output of fact's £	239,198,656	174,304,401	68,793,142	37,696,538	20,307,286	12,993,294	535,253,317
8. „ land & buildings £	58,939,150	43,791,176	12,456,458	9,539,249	6,863,468	3,775,605	135,365,106
9. „ plant & mchnry. £	64,801,584	40,905,886	18,217,831	11,106,194	8,025,068	6,787,888	149,844,451

1940-41.

1. Factories .. No.	9,919	9,121	2,972	2,230	2,056	1,002	27,300
2. Hands employed (a) .. ,	265,751	237,636	57,269	50,844	22,734	15,839	650,073
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	57,759,532	49,796,607	12,163,768	10,418,901	4,720,563	3,059,702	137,919,068
4. Value of fuel used .. £	9,620,123	5,138,787	1,655,937	1,400,683	1,309,748	597,429	19,722,707
5. „ materials used £	161,252,339	115,209,347	46,936,189	25,283,544	11,498,304	6,978,129	367,157,852
6. „ production £	115,044,388	89,000,711	21,644,338	16,916,102	9,016,922	6,291,888	257,914,849
7. „ output of fact's £	285,916,850	209,348,845	70,236,464	43,600,329	21,824,974	13,867,446	644,794,908
8. „ land & buildings £	61,886,528	47,092,751	12,594,215	11,480,505	6,802,488	4,237,169	144,093,656
9. „ plant & mchnry. £	68,533,346	44,985,756	18,501,758	14,391,653	7,394,680	7,549,041	161,356,234

1941-42.(c)

1. Factories .. No.	10,166	8,916	2,233	67,000	994	
2. Hands employed (a) .. ,	298,245	257,369				17,556
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	75,757,656	64,823,996	16,000,000			3,720,779
4. Value of fuel used .. £	11,228,813	6,122,156	2,200,000			705,746
5. „ materials used £	189,469,148	139,449,615	33,300,000	(d)	(d)	8,390,918
6. „ production £	138,790,351	110,540,876	25,500,000	(d)	(d)	7,214,338
7. „ output of fact's £	339,488,312	256,112,647	61,000,000	(d)	(d)	16,311,002
8. „ land & buildings £	65,015,509	50,000,000	(d)	(d)	(d)	4,384,553
9. „ plant & mchnry. £	70,611,613	48,000,000	(d)	(d)	(d)	7,612,799

(a) Includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision. (d) Not yet available.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	4,850,039	5,146,151	5,167,331	5,733,723
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,437,312	5,571,757	5,544,215	6,154,014
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	11,909,939	12,456,370	14,154,787	18,395,727
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	60,143,682	62,434,973	67,121,371	85,949,318
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	956,652	931,085	1,034,742	1,274,021
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	10,262,066	10,917,765	14,070,938	17,936,299
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,001,056	3,182,881	3,807,146	4,465,300
VIII. Clothing ..	15,867,392	16,551,031	17,458,783	19,638,286
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	40,393,914	41,601,107	45,426,266	48,516,665
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	9,312,921	9,460,742	10,080,889	11,371,496
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	4,270,599	4,200,035	4,183,018	4,648,226
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	14,188,137	14,559,073	15,358,198	16,237,985
XIII. Rubber ..	2,461,962	2,761,075	3,089,764	3,055,014
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	144,403	136,432	141,324	169,337
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,180,438	2,097,998	2,432,047	2,788,046
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	11,107,512	11,408,135	12,214,334	11,580,892
Total	196,488,024	203,416,610	221,295,153	257,914,349

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1940-41.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Wages(a) ..	% 20.20	% 23.79	% 17.32	% 23.90	% 21.63	% 22.06	% 21.39
Fuel and Light ..	3.36	2.45	2.36	3.21	6.00	4.31	3.06
Materials used ..	56.40	55.03	66.82	57.99	52.68	50.32	56.94
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	20.04	18.73	13.50	14.90	19.69	23.31	18.61
Total output ..	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	50.21	55.95	56.20	61.59	52.35	48.63	53.47

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£ 230.39	£ 218.89	£ 232.20	£ 212.08	£ 227.42	£ 205.96	£ 224.35
1937-38—Males ..	99.41	103.62	91.25	85.65	93.36	91.26	99.69
Females ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
1938-39—Males ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
Females ..	247.12	233.40	244.01	223.78	240.48	215.82	239.08
1939-40—Males ..	107.20	113.55	98.71	90.85	99.45	97.41	108.09
Females ..	265.35	260.54	249.92	242.30	251.14	229.34	258.77
1940-41—Males ..	115.79	125.37	102.43	101.13	102.11	107.18	117.65

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed, 1940-41.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	194,194	161,880	46,567	40,072	18,004	12,341	473,058
Females ..	71,557	75,756	10,702	10,772	4,730	3,498	177,015
Masculinity(a) ..	271	214	435	372	381	353	267

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.

SHIPPING.—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1933-34 ..	4,481,616	870,955	5,352,571	4,770,663	640,647	5,411,310
1934-35 ..	4,846,060	1,148,190	5,994,250	5,340,159	554,635	5,894,794
1935-36 ..	5,290,675	947,001	6,237,676	5,598,276	708,608	6,306,884
1936-37 ..	5,440,911	833,279	6,274,190	5,611,826	725,755	6,337,581
1937-38 ..	5,911,146	1,217,258	7,128,404	6,078,499	1,014,559	7,093,058
1938-39 ..	5,964,039	746,960	6,710,999	5,989,521	845,192	6,834,713

NOTE.—Later figures are not available for publication.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped, States.
(,000 omitted.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns, but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.
1938-39.								
New South Wales ..	3,167	676	1,179	1,112	2,736	672	1,679	359
Victoria ..	2,283	251	1,465	609	867	256	589	270
Queensland ..	325	396	340	176	317	152	864	64
South Australia ..	853	223	497	184	2,630	260	1,171	91
Western Australia ..	158	175	647	94	55	65	768	175
Tasmania ..	285	259	78	13	614	324	67	134
Northern Territory ..	3	23	2	3	2	2	..	..
Total ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093
Total 1937-38 ..	6,909	2,114	4,366	2,280	7,032	1,877	5,731	1,088
,, 1936-37 ..	6,416	1,830	3,656	2,024	6,501	1,597	5,028	933
,, 1935-36 ..	5,241	1,964	3,532	1,949	5,541	1,503	5,214	894
,, 1934-35 ..	5,070	1,656	2,970	1,722	5,244	1,346	5,221	858

NOTE.—Later figures are not available for publication.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1943.

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	5s. 8d. per box (56 lb.)
Cheese (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	14d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell) ..	..	..	..	..	168s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—					
Beef ..	..	..	..	..	14d. per lb.
Lamb ..	..	..	..	..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. ..
Mutton ..	..	..	..	..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. ..
Rabbits and Hares ..	..	..	..	..	122s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins ..	..	..	..	..	107s.
Sausage Casings (dried in casks or cases) ..	..	..	..	..	107s.
Milk and Cream (condensed) ..	..	..	..	..	107s.

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

*Sugar (Raw) ..	..	..	..	..	153s. per ton weight.
Jams ..	..	..	..	..	85s. per ton measurement.
Jellies ..	..	..	..	..	107s.
Dried Fruits ..	..	..	..	..	85s.
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	6s per bushel case."
Oranges (bushel cases) ..	..	..	..	..	6s.
*Wheat, Unprepared, Parcels ..	..	..	..	..	135s. 6d. per ton weight.
*Barley, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	..	150s. 9d.
*Oats, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	..	160s.
*Maize, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	..	149s.
*Flour, Wheaten ..	..	..	..	..	145s. 6d.
*Bran ..	..	..	..	..	164s.
*Pollard ..	..	..	..	..	155s.
*Rice (clean, husked) ..	..	..	..	..	155s.

WINE

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—Calf ..	..	..	..	..	7d. per lb.
Sheep ..	..	..	..	..	14d. per lb.
Rabbit ..	..	..	..	..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Other ..	..	..	..	..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Pearl-shell ..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Wool—Greasy ..	..	..	..	..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb.
Tops ..	..	..	..	..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder ..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Bark, Tanning ..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton weight.
Copra ..	..	..	..	..	104s. 3d. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood ..	..	..	..	..	107s.
Raw Cotton (in bales) ..	..	..	..	..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb.

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 31st March, 1943—continued.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—					
Apparel and Attire	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	..	..	..	..	187s. per ton weight.
OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—					
Oils, Eucalyptus	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Other	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d. " "
PAINTS AND VARNISHES					
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—					
Ore (in casks)	..	..	..	..	126s. per ton weight.
*Zinc, Ex Risdon	..	..	..	..	56s. "
*Other than above	..	..	..	..	81s. "
Lust (in cases)	..	..	..	..	252s. "
Sheet (in cases)	..	..	..	..	110s. "
*Copper	..	..	..	..	90s. "
*Lead	..	..	..	..	81s. "
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.)	..	..	..	..	111s. "
" (over 20 and up to 30 ft.)	..	..	..	..	127s. "
Tyres	..	..	..	..	94s. 6d. "
Tin, Clippings in Ingot form	..	..	..	..	36s. 6d. "
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—					
Rubber	..	..	..	..	96s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Leather	..	..	..	..	234s. 3d. per ton weight.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—					
Timber, Logs up to 40 ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	40s. per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50 ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	43s. "
" over 50 and up to 60 ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	46s. 3d. "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30 ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	23s. 6d. "
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
STATIONERY	..	..	..	..	107s. "
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—					
Fertilizers	..	..	..	..	107s. "
MISCELLANEOUS—					
Soap	..	..	..	..	107s. "
Cascin	..	..	..	..	168s. 3d. "
SPECIE	..	..	..	..	25s. per cent.

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES,
GENERAL CARGO, 31st MARCH, 1943.

Interstate rates are subject, in addition, to "war-time risk" surcharges of 30 per cent. and 35 per cent.
New Zealand rates as shown include surcharges, particulars of which are shown in the notes.

Island rates as shown include 35 per cent. surcharge.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To—	From—		
	Brisbane.	Sydney.	Melbourne.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane	..	23 0	23 0
Sydney	30 0
Melbourne	..	30 0	22 0
Adelaide	..	38 0	30 0
Fremantle	..	43 0a	43 0
Hobart	..	58 0b	38 0
Launceston	..	39 0g	22 0
Devonport, Burnie	..	39 0a	22 0
Auckland	..	34 0g	20 0
Wellington	..	34 0a	22 0
Lyttleton	..	34 0g	20 0
Dunedin	..	34 0a	20 0
New Hebrides	..	81.0	81.0
Norfolk Island	67.6
Papua	..	81.0	81.0
116.9c			
103.3c			
101.3a			

(a) Direct.

(b) Transhipped at Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide.

(c) Including transhipment.

(d) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement charges, 1s.

(e) Transhipped at Sydney, plus 1s., Wellington Harbour Improvement charges.

(f) Transhipped at Wellington, plus 1s., Wellington Harbour Improvement charges.

(g) Plus 7s. per ton transhipment charges at Sydney.

(h) Includes war surcharge of 12½ per cent. plus 7s. per cent.

(i) Includes war surcharge of 12½ per cent. on 38s. 6d. plus 7s. per cent.

(j) Includes war surcharge of 35 per cent. on 22s.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA IMPORTS.
BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

State or Territory.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40. (a)	1940-41. (a)	1941-42. (a)
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	51,062,364	46,347,953	51,448,678	46,032,964	
Victoria ..	39,222,998	35,455,336	41,908,342	45,529,833	
Queensland ..	8,237,506	8,755,818	8,755,948	6,338,886	
South Australia ..	7,473,802	5,851,043	6,717,606	5,461,204	(b)
Western Australia ..	6,394,342	5,833,710	5,511,107	4,258,954	
Tasmania ..	1,539,345	1,133,086	1,272,133	943,521	
Northern Territory ..	44,703	29,406	61,691	84,694	
Total ..	113,975,060	102,156,352	115,675,505	108,650,056	149,355,797 (e)

VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA EXPORTS.(c)

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

State or Territory.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40. (a)	1940-41. (a)	1941-42. (a)
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	48,411,644	45,903,080	53,003,739	49,622,072	
Victoria ..	41,243,667	30,819,012	36,431,975	36,652,733	
Queensland ..	26,558,516	28,651,842	32,195,195	25,245,247	
South Australia ..	19,057,243	14,840,603	15,087,279	13,196,561	(b)
Western Australia ..	19,471,792	17,070,499	9,592,321	8,436,435	
Tasmania ..	2,831,205	3,198,547	2,426,235	1,559,664	
Northern Territory ..	6,053	12,729	12,814	24,865	
Total(d)	157,580,120	140,496,312	148,749,558	134,737,577	159,328,498 (f)

(a) Excludes gold, silver and bronze. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Goods destined for overseas countries are largely transferred from one State to another for transhipment to the overseas country. In this table such goods are shown against the State from which they were finally dispatched. (d) Estimated British currency values are shown below. (e) Complete including Governmental imports valued at £stg. 16,094,000 for which Customs entries were not passed. (f) Complete including £A 12,645,000 exported on Governmental account for which Customs entries were not passed.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE OF, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head.						
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.				
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.		
1937-38	239,812,939	113,975,060	122,675,945	3,161,934	125,837,879	34,18	9	16	12	1	17	5
1938-39	214,357,724	102,156,352	108,188,167	4,013,205	112,201,372	30,18	10	14	14	11	15	12
1939-40	234,437,627	115,675,505	117,280,801	1,481,231	118,762,122	33,10	2	16	10	8	16	15
1940-41b	216,224,968	108,050,056	106,015,055	1,559,857	107,574,012	30,16	9	15	9	11	15	2
1941-42b	276,564,178	149,355,797	125,714,550	1,493,831	127,208,381	38,15	0	20	18	6	17	12

(a) Excludes the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of Ships' Stores in Australian currency were:—1937-38, £2,091,249; 1938-39, £2,105,619; 1939-40, £2,539,848; 1940-41, £3,528,555; 1941-42, £5,791,983. (b) Excludes gold, silver and bronze.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
1937-38	111,733,254	2,241,806	113,975,060	112,231,676	13,556,203	125,837,879	548,422	11,314,397	11,862,819
1938-39	99,313,150	2,843,202	102,156,352	97,023,626	15,168,797	112,201,372	-2,280,575	12,325,595	10,045,020
1939-40	116,675,505	(c)	(c)	118,762,122	(c)	(c)	3,086,617	(c)	(c)
1940-41	108,050,056	(c)	(c)	107,574,912	(c)	(c)	-1,075,144	(c)	(c)
1941-42	149,355,797	(c)	(c)	127,208,381	(c)	(c)	-22,147,416	(c)	(c)

(a) The values in Australian currency were:—1937-38, £140,632,800; 1938-39, £121,533,300; 1939-40, £148,749,558; 1940-41, £134,737,577; and 1941-42, £159,328,498. (b) The values in Australian currency are shown above.

(c) Not available for publication.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the March quarters of 1942 and 1943, the calendar years 1941 and 1942 and the nine months ended March, 1942 and 1943.

Division.	March Quarter.		Year ended December—		Nine Months—	
	1942.	1943.	1941.	1942.	1941-42.	1942-43.
			£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CUSTOMS.						
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages ..	131,192	181,998	1,040,221	726,023	691,083	580,431
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof ..	1,369,363	1,513,901	5,694,285	6,846,014	4,305,400	5,424,792
3. Sugar ..	1	124	4,839	17,254	1,579	161
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries ..	182,336	207,193	1,058,932	784,711	707,028	637,747
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire ..	574,363	325,295	1,889,928	1,985,719	1,613,782	1,144,343
6. Metals and Machinery ..	435,696	262,159	1,362,163	1,643,939	1,179,120	1,087,578
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	1,647,097	1,360,375	9,605,509	6,752,959	5,627,867	4,641,612
8. Earthenware, &c. ..	57,808	21,902	265,279	202,003	202,529	111,135
9. Drugs and Chemicals ..	50,180	60,607	245,823	244,499	183,501	197,794
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	43,522	33,019	279,202	109,089	173,237	69,415
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	78,046	82,019	474,941	347,678	311,325	251,464
12. Leather and Rubber ..	84,544	65,202	493,432	230,336	346,422	154,514
13. Paper and Stationery ..	24,018	12,469	146,171	83,265	95,819	45,218
14. Vehicles ..	116,700	19,886	730,390	257,762	673,831	113,055
15. Musical Instruments ..	862	73	5,439	2,657	3,327	1,249
16. Miscellaneous ..	206,909	216,019	842,992	765,055	651,984	560,088
Primage ..	742,749	587,854	3,481,788	2,833,074	2,591,534	1,858,426
Ships' Stores ..	7,990	9,737	35,292	32,626	25,243	26,409
Other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	27,276	41,850	88,583	120,171	71,944	94,345
Special War Duty ..	285,728	218,109	1,292,373	1,141,154	1,000,244	790,488
Total Customs ..	6,066,380	5,169,791	29,037,577	25,126,018	20,486,799	17,740,214
EXCISE.						
Beer ..	3,926,835	5,292,346	13,277,628	16,401,048	11,111,311	14,515,309
Carbonic Acid Gas ..	114,962	90,481	191,120	373,042	241,417	265,912
Cigarette Papers ..	196,802	200,684	788,840	843,837	614,417	644,826
Matches ..	153,492	296,118	379,000	841,870	367,113	825,473
Petrol ..	304,591	99,077	1,976,282	629,941	1,158,101	304,363
Playing Cards ..	2,454	12,200	14,518	21,594	10,198	29,047
Spirits ..	647,795	1,174,345	3,026,068	3,510,636	2,274,554	3,251,957
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff ..	2,774,145	4,114,511	9,533,000	14,697,729	8,054,633	12,859,907
Other Excise, including Licences, &c. ..	39,675	66,795	186,787	235,677	165,271	206,724
Total Excise ..	8,160,751	11,346,557	29,373,303	37,554,874	23,997,015	32,903,520
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections ..	14,227,131	16,516,348	58,410,880	62,680,892	44,483,814	50,643,734
Drawbacks and Repayments ..	492,898	466,971	2,387,654	2,106,075	1,510,066	1,557,369
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	13,734,233	16,049,377	56,023,226	60,574,817	42,973,748	49,086,365

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to revision.)

IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1941.	1942.	1940-41.	1941-42.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	115,149	103,466	619,950	225,514
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c.	44,706	27,262	196,675	133,647
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins	1,432	542	5,305	5,424
Potted and Concentrated	14,346	2,790	27,871	10,885
Sausage Casings	51,750	38,425	177,601	345,865
Other	23	7,105	296	29,934
Milk and Cream	272	1,306	957	18,276
Other Animal Foodstuffs	17,339	691	42,137	34,967
Total, Class I.	245,017	181,587	1,070,792	804,512
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN, ETC.				
Caramel and Cocoa Butter	2,607	4,063	63,933	13,781
Cocoa and Chocolate	232,377	64,022	462,883	208,620
Coffee and Chicory	47,570	37,001	146,376	200,047
Confectionery	1,027	1,000	3,803	4,479
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates	750	102	87,231	81,819
Fresh—				
Bananas	2,105	..	11,787	4,907
Other	374	142	898	2,260
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i. preserved in liquid	765	1,043	6,406	6,111
Ginger	10,071	3,300	26,596	13,893
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	36,912	51,639	118,476	198,815
Prepared—				
Rice	5,522	147	15,751	19,052
Other	1,505	18,284	8,686	47,638
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	8,506	3,859	31,476	21,781
Liquorice	1,940	2,038	11,338	7,843
Mustard .. ..	..	..	102	2
Nuts, Edible	62,909	41,475	295,295	272,152
Pickles and Sauces	636	4	4,447	3,766
Sago and Tapioca	24,608	663	70,849	47,038
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape	19,814	1,093	49,828	39,461
Spices	24,438	10,980	82,772	110,976
Sugar and Sugar Products	10,800	37,773	46,791	74,792
Tea	790,002	783,657	2,884,731	3,919,448
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	34,310	11,453	181,341	78,909
Total, Class II.	1,319,548	1,073,738	4,611,796	5,377,590
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	3,923	7,233	14,099	13,376
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	4	..	4,068	104
Gin	2,896	6,301	32,871	20,552
Rum	5,760	142	12,844	2,038
Whisky	85,866	102,381	521,294	299,780
Other, including Liqueurs	845	750	11,257	7,079
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling .. ..	..	24	1,127	169
Other	1,493	54	4,348	2,305
Total, Class III.	100,787	116,885	601,908	345,403

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1941.	1942.	1940-41.	1941-42.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Tobacco—	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Manufactured .. .	6,950	3,909	33,541	47,021
Unmanufactured .. .	158,008	157,563	442,687	745,874
Cigars .. .	239	33	826	486
Cigarettes .. .	11,217	4,205	17,651	33,123
Snuff .. .	207	250	646	1,154
Total, Class IV. ..	176,621	165,960	495,351	827,658
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	4,386	631	44,616	32,011
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	5,560	9,262	23,332	21,779
Gut, Natural and Imitation ..	1,949	173	12,177	2,356
Hair and Fibre .. .	39,820	7,413	172,305	167,836
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse .. .	27,892	26,359	70,555	154,396
Sheep .. .	4	41	1,819	3,341
Other .. .	25,244	7,548	165,169	166,581
Silk, Raw .. .	104,446	6,506	562,508	89,019
Wool .. .	195,315	3,257	288,898	113,996
Other Animal Substances ..	8,641	4,459	39,178	44,908
Total, Class VI. ..	408,871	65,018	1,335,941	764,212
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra .. .	54,049	37,302	178,593	225,563
Cork and Cork Manufactures ..	19,282	9,108	131,456	119,612
Fibres—				
Cotton, Raw .. .	402,924	(a)	1,062,657	(a)
Kapok .. .	49,823	4,256	161,458	171,937
Other .. .	92,342	96,958	495,858	660,166
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c. ..	13,450	..	32,067	21,133
Gums and Resins .. .	120,132	139,641	462,933	584,922
Pulp for Paper-making ..	179,149	339,497	699,272	852,276
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	7,359	17,442	37,773	40,904
Linseed .. .	69,695	154,234	510,644	595,446
Other .. .	72,019	27,131	206,948	142,378
Tanning Substances .. .	36,014	123,644	96,297	255,327
Other Vegetable Substances ..	2,757	1,016	16,371	10,773
Total, Class VII. ..	1,118,995	(a)	4,092,327	(a)
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE.				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c. (other than knitted) ..	5,198	9,028	28,236	39,353
Boots and Shoes .. .	23,279	7,527	76,973	50,236
Buttons .. .	16,550	18,792	85,937	76,682
Furs and Skins wholly or partly made up, dressed or prepared	10,954	2,915	138,084	42,701
Gloves .. .	72,048	143,586	234,004	475,404
Hats and Caps .. .	23,191	11,104	106,858	114,205
Knitted Articles of Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c.	6,034	11,561	18,153	36,897
Socks and Stockings .. .	4,592	10,477	18,184	35,001
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	618	438	7,026	3,304
Trimmings and Ornaments ..	62,315	94,120	251,939	299,288
Other Apparel and Attire ..	270,375	176,320	502,438	770,975
Total, Apparel and Attire	495,154	485,868	1,467,832	1,944,046

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued*.

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1941.	1942.	1940-41.	1941-42.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.				
Floor Coverings ..	416,414	331,059	1,568,554	1,801,300
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys ..	6,587	15,836	36,406	55,452
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen ..	52,464	115,332	207,825	350,851
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck ..	236,038	198,196	1,009,084	901,112
Cotton and Linen ..	1,926,119	1,769,838	7,772,372	7,923,903
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods ..	160,093	533,505	831,537	1,204,182
Lace for Attire, &c. ..	66,045	98,269	204,023	310,817
Silk, including Artificial Silk ..	657,226	1,701,698	3,062,947	4,107,265
Velvets, Plushes, &c. ..	48,575	99,273	148,882	267,473
Woollens ..	74,673	338,949	217,273	784,410
Other ..	357,432	293,440	1,077,249	1,114,032
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c. ..	29,189	98,210	129,564	240,124
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c. ..	193,313	220,138	769,465	693,176
Towels and Towelling ..	142,162	168,528	434,605	617,849
Other Textiles ..	40,015	73,071	168,080	475,215
Total, Textiles ..	4,406,345	6,055,342	17,637,866	20,847,161
CLASS VIII.—(c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder ..	28,496	107,718	221,891	194,659
Corn and Flour ..	243,818	676,764	1,770,990	2,690,805
Wool-packs ..	99,324	117,949	981,918	504,162
Other ..	170	3,557	17,346	68,886
Cordage and Twines ..	33,181	133,134	214,421	287,831
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk ..	198,795	359,898	1,098,108	1,351,188
Cotton ..	175,115	159,971	720,604	714,825
Wool ..	12,191	8,909	34,966	51,090
Other ..	10,592	14,751	51,060	57,242
Total, Yarns, &c. ..	801,682	1,582,651	5,111,304	5,920,688
Total, Class VIII. ..	5,703,181	8,123,861	24,217,002	28,711,895
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c. ..	95,694	39,350	335,269	395,668
Linseed Oil ..	202	202	4,693	1,429
Olive Oil ..	418	2	24,896	29,685
Other Oils ..	}		Included in Grand Total.	
Total, Class IX. ..				
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours ..	185,162	135,745	681,349	668,933
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c. ..	2,084	2,594	10,734	19,962
Total, Class X. ..	187,246	138,339	692,083	688,895
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch ..	56,889	51,878	190,737	201,810
Stone (including Marble and Slate)—				
Abrasives ..	65,803	(a)	220,194	(a)
Other Stones ..	2,884	3,223	11,423	15,533
Other Minerals, &c. ..	240,629	210,185	701,326	655,327
Total, Class XI. ..	366,205	(a)	1,123,680	(a)

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
			1940-41.	1941-42.
	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
CLASS XII.—(a) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.				
Electrical Machinery, &c.—				
Batteries and Accumulators ..	7,201	5,108	33,905	58,229
Cable and Wire, covered ..	265,473	300,468	1,222,034	1,029,463
Dynamo Electric Machines ..	105,327	133,555	602,308	581,024
Lamps, Filament ..	42,904	44,651	160,084	179,467
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c. ..	95,671	48,459	382,491	368,280
Other ..	359,101	392,239	1,302,185	1,435,279
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c., Machinery ..	11,511	10,302	66,102	33,425
Dairying Machinery ..	14,210	11,528	69,326	59,036
Mining Machinery ..	69,500	42,648	285,066	180,675
Motive-power Machinery ..	553,616	1,147,446	2,830,391	(a)
Printing Machinery ..	33,312	9,161	137,513	49,888
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	123,922	123,547	434,185	588,894
Sewing Machines ..	62,934	90,533	371,290	275,850
Sheep-shearing Machinery ..	7,227	11,620	28,039	40,833
Weighing Machines ..	7,828	10,843	26,106	41,455
Yarn and Textile Machinery ..	138,469	143,245	649,652	574,971
Other Machines and Machinery ..	1,309,878	(a)	4,636,354	(a)
Total, Machines and Machinery ..	3,208,084	(a)	13,237,031	(a)
CLASS XII.—(b) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers ..	10,218	7,212	31,207	34,484
Leaf and Foil ..	33,217	16,283	149,273	115,010
Nails ..	4,813	7,875	23,702	30,544
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. ..	16,051	22,292	89,544	90,067
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. ..	..	..	1,031	1,946
Wire ..	26,973	20,730	87,819	99,448
Lamps and Lampware ..	47,205	42,047	184,247	180,212
Platedware and Cutlery ..	174,390	172,390	615,900	633,958
Tools of Trade ..	237,214	211,445	824,051	927,715
Cycles and Cycle Parts ..	90,113	91,217	341,763	377,272
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts ..	1,271	374	22,064	4,734
Chassis and Parts ..	864,601	1,215,422	3,535,559	(a)
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c. ..	23,024	148,502	65,285	301,179
Other ..	5,307,958	(a)	17,841,779	(a)
Total, Metals, &c. ..	6,837,048	(a)	23,813,224	(a)
Total, Class XII. ..	10,045,132	(a)	37,050,255	(a)
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c. ..	583,555	(a)	2,322,444	(a)
Rubber Manufactures—				
Boot and Apparel Elastic, Rubber Thread ..	49,857	51,916	187,245	235,499
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other ..	1,995	11,629	11,387	147,746
Other ..	19,680	22,927	81,585	108,881
Total, Rubber, &c. ..	655,087	(a)	2,602,661	(a)

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1941.	1942.	1940-41.	1941-42.
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.				
Leather	£ Stg. 6,765	£ Stg. 18,050	£ Stg. 35,635	£ Stg. 58,764
Leather Manufactures, &c. ..	14,981	16,140	64,923	73,558
Total, Leather, &c. ..	21,746	34,190	100,558	132,322
Total, Class XIII. ..	676,833	(a)	2,703,219	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	34,126	28,874	101,077	82,711
Undressed	202,697	(a)	726,073	(a)
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	48,572	18,598	232,612	167,161
Total, Class XIV. ..	285,395	(a)	1,059,762	(a)
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Crockery and other Household Ware	147,248	201,409	604,035	740,709
Glass and Glassware	232,185	157,928	662,574	741,461
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stoneware ..	127,614	71,258	363,725	431,323
Total, Class XV. ..	507,047	430,595	1,630,334	1,913,493
CLASS XVI.—(a) PAPER.				
Millboards and other boards ..	59,080	25,999	229,830	138,487
Parchment	40,599	26,698	200,708	130,872
Printing	344,024	128,479	2,195,465	1,077,006
Wrapping	80,293	18,971	408,645	241,268
Writing and Typewriting ..	117,533	22,771	831,845	263,079
Other	153,379	138,834	562,698	543,350
Total, Paper	794,908	361,752	4,429,191	2,394,062
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c. ..	178,098	151,709	772,405	779,732
Price Lists, Circulars, &c. ..	7,064	9,562	31,431	27,541
Paperhangings and Wallpapers ..	17,020	6,873	52,860	66,999
Pens and Pencils	33,690	30,047	159,577	145,437
Other Stationery	98,887	91,809	351,277	390,422
Total, Stationery, &c. ..	384,759	290,000	1,367,550	1,410,131
Total, Class XVI. ..	1,129,667	651,752	5,796,741	3,804,193
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games ..	11,151	4,224	54,721	33,159
Toys	13,626	3,267	93,070	72,294
Other	36,953	53,349	158,349	199,872
Jewellery—				
Precious Stones (Unset)—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	37,095	41,931	147,976	107,381
Other	14,247	15,539	64,029	90,933
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	76,196	59,647	311,501	253,287
Total, Class XVII. ..	189,268	177,957	829,646	756,926

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1941.	1942.	1940-41.	1941-42.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Films for Cinematographs, &c...	140,721	69,473	509,575	532,653
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c. .	40,159	39,880	136,445	138,818
Surgical and Dental Instruments	182,171	203,996	607,278	717,835
Phonographs, &c. .	7,543	12,341	42,537	42,051
Other Instruments . .	111,425	80,461	408,528	467,600
Total, Class XVIII. . .	482,019	406,151	1,704,363	1,898,957
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	31,715	(a)	154,004	(a)
Argol	6,480	..	93,302	53,961
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes	2,875	297	29,597	883
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines . .	98,146	90,470	375,207	306,575
Other	97,062	85,599	387,844	422,014
Dyes	196,515	108,792	653,794	613,890
Fertilizers	86,043	95,424	695,864	540,333
Insecticides, Washes and Dips . .	16,293	8,588	71,175	158,442
Oils, Essential (non-spirituos). .	51,932	9,492	173,922	141,942
Perfumery and Preparations . .	44,474	57,992	171,466	225,341
Salt	6,558	7,225	34,361	36,472
Spirituos Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers,				
Flavours, Juices, Syrups . .	7,023	11,045	19,472	23,543
Other	12,854	5,116	35,454	60,828
Other Drugs and Chemicals . .	704,579	(a)	2,698,091	(a)
Total, Class XIX. . .	1,362,549	(a)	5,593,553	(a)
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Articles of Celluloid, &c. .	46,693	43,250	183,174	179,796
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c. .	23,103	20,639	123,866	119,692
Brushware—				
Vacuum Cleaners (Household)	14,788	398	75,201	79,870
Other	9,620	15,256	38,243	62,166
Goods imported per parcel post	85,829	138,348	362,883	630,981
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos	1,091	1,481	9,205	7,649
Player Pianos . . . .	..	..	697	154
Piano and Player Piano Parts	2,133	2,635	7,423	12,491
Other Instruments and Parts	9,381	7,773	49,388	34,142
Oilmen's Stores	28,026	7,581	99,850	38,870
Soap	11,420	4,503	35,995	35,938
All other Articles				
Total, Class XX. . .			Included in Grand Total.	
Grand Total—MERCHANTISE . .	27,553,999	37,193,864	108,650,056	149,355,797b

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Grand Total—MERCHANTISE . .	34,511,384	46,585,315	136,084,197	187,068,136

NOTE.—Class XXI. is not available for publication.

(a) Not available for publication. (b) See Note (e), page 15.

EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1941.	1942.	1940-41.	1941-42.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter	2,667,360	1,682,577	11,973,485	8,124,975
Butter Substitutes	19,397	147,300	165,004	727,497
Cheese	280,337	289,868	1,543,909	1,428,118
Eggs	55,549	172,963	1,168,112	1,165,442
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	142,132	25,452	439,684	395,031
Potted or Concentrated	29,989	25,853	82,528	110,533
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	967,406	150,360	3,761,732	2,498,416
Lamb	1,384,415	332,034	5,864,519	4,498,081
Mutton	49,562	16,582	277,964	172,712
Pork	1,075,439	103,608	2,302,656	1,107,929
Rabbits and Hares	4,726	999	102,175	8,901
Preserved in Tins	621,389	993,069	1,873,853	4,550,344
Sausage Casings	105,819	104,347	426,168	445,469
Other	105,896	54,131	687,013	307,551
Milk and Cream	399,342	283,026	1,528,951	2,059,724
Other Animal Foodstuffs	104,908	22,943	176,421	380,081
Total, Class I.	8,013,666	4,405,112	32,374,174	27,980,804
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory, Fruit Juices, &c.	91,274	32,728	209,119	293,289
Biscuits	99,834	203,396	266,638	709,916
Confectionery	91,769	14,654	224,009	231,703
Fodders	15,207	12,266	51,194	62,478
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	175,945	211,338	574,648	462,665
Raisins	689,805	683,639	1,790,990	1,958,522
Other	73,991	23,548	129,741	175,736
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	22,822	1,283	105,140	41,699
Citrus	22,115	19,524	222,381	191,141
Other	35,883	397	65,577	6,079
Fruits, preserved in liquid	332,870	56,817	802,970	909,036
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	67,934	121,454	97,366	212,278
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	57,863	211	141,343	171,690
Wheat	1,610,268	2,811,636	9,247,836	4,644,793
Other	58,937	13,218	184,469	60,383
Prepared—				
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	32,505	30,761	138,006	87,612
Flour (Wheaten)	1,622,392	660,121	7,427,132	4,191,382
Rice	29,584	52,626	207,672	239,002
Other	147,577	56,496	396,933	454,767
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	81	904	274	30,585
Jams and Fruit Jellies	592,448	36,826	929,458	960,937
Sugar	545,486	436,934	4,880,402	2,636,430
Tea	11,471	12,346	47,514	114,735
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	217,033	153,977	481,100	986,452
Total, Class II.	6,645,094	5,647,100	28,621,912	19,833,310

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1941.	1942.	1940-41.	1941-42.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry ..	503,395	171,737	1,373,221	1,539,650
Spirits (Beverages)	176,670	103,543	431,338	608,495
Wine	139,512	124,710	516,413	497,864
Total, Class III. ..	819,577	399,990	2,320,972	2,646,009
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff ..	84,704	63,030	258,487	389,524
Tobacco	68,959	47,997	289,422	451,724
Total, Class IV. ..	153,663	111,027	547,909	841,248
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	909	..	4,573	1,275
Horses	30,931	1,925	128,624	49,247
Sheep	42,998	290	99,550	54,211
Other Living Animals	512	3,492	4,653	9,439
Total, Class V. ..	75,350	5,707	237,400	114,172
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Béche-de-mer	1,055	..	5,437	4,720
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	46,529	7,666	155,386	127,672
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse ..	155,816	24,673	490,598	104,021
Fox	8,473	9,620	76,341	131,338
Kangaroo and Wallaby ..	16,882	20,870	252,191	178,458
Opossum	913	727	82,738	45,005
Rabbit	1,029,326	745,906	2,207,591	3,368,644
Sheep	127,090	1,222,524	977,736	2,140,613
Other	4,403	3,225	17,863	18,828
Pearl-shell	31,557	26,303	196,288	252,822
Trochus-shell	5,028	18,459	11,665	45,746
Wool—				
Greasy	8,919,888	18,227,378	32,888,968	47,831,780
Scoured and Tops	1,053,771	4,504,063	6,756,568	10,209,333
Other Animal Substances	16,506	8,239	76,380	64,131
Total, Class VI. ..	11,417,237	24,819,653	44,195,750	64,523,111
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra .. ..	..	..	12	11,535
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw .. ..	..	320	4,763	4,361
Other	55,735	75,242	174,988	239,921
Sandalwood	19,714	..	61,960	23,272
Seeds	39,608	29,096	86,190	103,824
Tanning Substances	22,070	4,133	72,463	58,827
Other Vegetable Substances	16,480	15,499	49,194	69,744
Total, Class VII. ..	153,607	124,290	449,570	511,484

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1941.	1942.	1940-41.	1941-42.
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE; (b) TEXTILES; (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Boots and Shoes	20,391	147,060	46,668	527,274
Other Apparel and Attire	367,211	559,895	656,034	(a)
Piece Goods	173,202	95,007	452,374	458,208
Other Textiles	90,222	24,868	205,011	(a)
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns ..	122,775	88,208	550,709	(a)
Total, Class VIII. ..	773,801	915,038	1,910,796	(a)
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	42,783	74,840	251,602	216,035
Tallow, unrefined	182,795	(a)	564,135	(a)
Other	87,130	182,425	277,968	600,822
Total, Class IX. ..	312,708	(a)	1,093,705	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.	56,597	29,270	195,573	209,137
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.	400,490	(a)	1,655,230	(a)
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) Machines and Machinery ..	577,282	(a)	2,242,215	(a)
(b) Metals and Manufactures ..	2,430,429	(a)	10,054,236	(a)
Total, Class XII. ..	3,007,711	(a)	12,296,451	(a)
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	142,746	(a)	433,301	(a)
Leather	42,802	(a)	869,287	(a)
Leather Manufactures, &c. ..	268,124	(a)	95,806	(a)
Total, Class XIII. ..	453,672	(a)	1,398,394	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	144,044	168,978	767,104	722,525
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	63,279	45,775	336,740	197,396
Total, Class XIV. ..	207,323	214,753	1,103,844	919,921
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE.	76,104	59,758	232,341	352,465
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	39,935	19,033	144,745	150,611
Stationery	69,886	47,412	270,842	294,089
Total, Class XVI. ..	109,821	66,445	415,587	444,700

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1941.	1942.	1940-41.	1941-42.
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES AND FANCY GOODS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Precious Stones, unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	13,177	4,423	23,257	55,735
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c. ..	26,985	8,528	82,266	89,916
Total, Class XVII. ..	40,162	12,951	105,523	145,651
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c. ..	49,633	17,834	214,916	113,241
Photographic Goods, &c. ..	13,283	16,698	71,970	81,326
Talking Machines, &c. ..	9,189	5,680	31,304	26,732
Other Instruments ..	23,937	22,595	81,773	85,492
Total, Class XVIII. ..	96,042	62,807	399,963	306,791
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	371	3,500	30,237	10,553
Fertilizers	1,011	7,015	13,628	16,937
Medicines	95,563	47,824	303,117	263,937
Oils—				
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.i. ..	5,838	11,395	18,163	47,324
Eucalyptus	64,813	44,517	206,082	208,282
Perfumery and Preparations ..	93,745	78,978	184,780	388,178
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	151,932	128,376	579,936	579,455
Total, Class XIX. ..	413,273	321,605	1,335,943	1,514,666
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	44,308	4,643	178,338	110,007
Oilmen's Stores	59,451	38,055	148,522	241,611
Personal and Household Effects ..	36,350	14,850	128,506	96,626
Soap	70,655	57,491	194,980	247,370
Goods Exported per parcel post ..	8,021	3,108	33,377	27,919
All other Articles	663,440	(a)	3,162,817	(a)
Total, Class XX. ..	882,225	(a)	3,846,540	(a)
Total { Australian Produce ..	33,649,265	42,986,799	132,783,856	157,457,475
Other Produce ..	458,858	272,204	1,953,721	1,871,023
GRAND TOTAL—MERCANDISE ..	34,108,123	43,259,003	134,737,577	159,328,498 (b)

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

GRAND TOTAL—Merchandise ..	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
	27,232,035	34,538,126	107,574,912	127,208,381

NOTE.—Class XXI. is not available for publication.

(a) Not available for publication. (b) See Note (f) on page 15.

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
TAXATION—					
Customs	32,972,666	31,160,462	34,830,306	29,409,666	25,208,806
Excise	15,410,339	16,471,903	18,994,600	24,370,117	31,572,002
Sales Tax	8,023,886	9,308,334	12,196,175	19,792,680	26,830,085
Flour Tax	3,025	1,808,972	2,486,070	1,498,595	1,651,717
Land Tax	1,368,444	1,489,436	1,645,829	3,190,822	3,691,184
Income Tax(a)	9,398,503	11,882,440	16,430,313	43,305,239	77,563,926
Pay-roll Tax .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	8,962,464
Gold Tax .. .. ..	..	..	1,214,621	1,452,260	1,030,425
Estate Duty	1,872,654	1,915,352	2,212,690	2,364,133	2,845,005
Other	Dr. 1,032	..	59	10	(b) 79,731
Total Taxation	69,048,485	74,036,899	90,010,663	125,383,522	179,435,345
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	16,753,139	17,366,311	17,897,469	19,075,541	21,639,364
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	267,754	330,643	368,218	462,344	694,228
Central Australia	124,417	137,521	146,921	243,701	742,143
North Australia	37,768	50,471	60,797	185,808	305,448
Australian Capital Territory	5,803	7,275	11,736	8,040	5,277
Total Railways	435,742	525,910	587,672	898,893	1,747,096
Total Business Undertakings	17,188,881	17,892,221	18,485,141	19,975,434	23,386,460
TERRITORIES	330,975	355,401	415,412	506,864	491,969
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest(c)	1,044,076	1,144,014	1,145,989	1,172,130	923,585
Coinage	362,705	127,764	180,458	752,471	867,889
Defence	29,244	151,208	166,880	303,640	834,800
Civil Aviation	5,556	5,745	11,171	137,951	185,355
Health	17,621	18,204	15,740	14,338	113,922
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights	61,435	67,914	61,982	57,150	55,037
Bankruptcy	36,441	30,770	35,817	32,318	24,877
Commerce and Marine—					
Woollevy(d)	77,523	74,396	84,361	84,279	85,934
Other	182,463	158,137	147,315	136,706	169,578
Net Profit, Note Issue	839,883	766,730	985,993	1,461,839	1,658,141
Balance of Trust Accounts	10,940	..	..	31,476	1,600,459
Other	221,926	235,387	166,862	432,188	207,618
Total	2,889,813	2,780,269	3,002,568	4,616,486	6,727,195
Grand Total	89,458,154	95,064,790	111,913,784	150,482,306	210,040,969
PER HEAD(e)—					
Taxation	£ 10 1 2	£ 10 13 10	£ 12 17 4	£ 17 14 9	£ 25 2 10
Business Undertakings	2 10 1	2 11 8	2 12 10	2 16 6	3 5 6
Other	0 9 5	0 9 0	0 9 9	0 14 7	1 0 3
Total	13 0 8	13 14 6	15 19 11	21 5 10	29 8 7

(a) Includes War-time (Company) Tax.

(b) Gift Duty.

(c) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States).

(d) For Publicity and Research.

(e) Based on mean population of each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	9,714,227	9,664,917	9,600,065	9,568,676	9,681,977
War Pensions ..	8,094,623	8,227,487	8,147,076	8,041,798	7,908,788
Repatriation ..	957,805	993,872	922,527	845,283	829,355
Other ..	181,645	370,586	164,874	146,873	198,182
Total, War, &c. ..	18,948,300	19,256,812	18,834,542	18,602,630	18,618,302
Defence and War (1939-42) Services—					
War (1939-42) Services ..					
Army (including Co-ordination) ..	2,060,732	3,224,650	15,315,993		
Navy ..	2,497,783	2,755,085	3,770,504		
Air ..	1,289,973	1,384,971	2,043,839	65,680,917	109,233,539
Supply and Shipping (including Munitions and Aircraft Production) ..	523,550	596,653	748,415		
Total Cost of Departments—					
Governor-General ..	35,067	32,765	30,787	30,587	30,705
Parliament ..	516,494	444,873	449,876	547,602	473,163
Prime Minister ..	1,510,259	1,355,842	1,509,582	1,282,799	1,350,017
External Affairs ..	58,263	70,168	117,782	141,751	199,642
Treasury ..	2,252,506	2,257,628	2,485,450	2,425,250	2,948,923
Attorney-General ..	263,319	281,497	276,557	297,400	310,171
Interior ..	1,018,526	1,275,392	1,257,593	962,999	954,847
Civil Aviation ..	129,043	328,150	494,060	392,058	337,165
Trade and Customs ..	993,503	1,064,124	1,032,890	963,269	956,081
Health ..	402,003	338,155	289,174	205,932	299,856
Commerce ..	1,149,511	1,208,927	1,170,951	1,139,932	1,216,640
Social Services ..	150,753	324,734	177,901	161,786	281,742
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General ..	13,964,473	15,028,233	15,285,709	15,876,594	17,527,865
Railways ..	1,140,315	1,351,041	1,472,521	1,507,850	1,995,577
Territories—					
Australian Capital Territory ..	615,401	637,228	656,078	679,160	698,072
Northern Territory ..	381,931	402,899	382,804	462,170	520,021
Papua ..	48,825	48,830	48,610	85,703	38,839
New Guinea ..	5,058	5,532	5,988	7,162	17,048
Norfolk Island ..	5,911	5,471	4,071	4,071	5,666
Total, Territories ..	1,057,126	1,099,960	1,097,551	1,238,266	1,279,646
New Works ..	3,551,776	6,565,268	a3,036,445	a3,211,764	a3,305,344
Invalid and Old-age Pensions ..	15,798,687	15,991,782	16,459,245	17,336,365	19,257,025
Child Endowment ..					11,302,863
Maternity Allowances ..	400,004	436,614	416,964	407,533	358,538
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts ..	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912
Sinking Fund on States' Debts ..	1,454,885	1,477,976	1,536,055	1,556,749	1,579,797
Special Grants ..	2,350,000	2,020,000	2,020,000	2,050,000	2,300,000
Grants for Federal Aid Roads ..	4,149,492	4,266,556	4,455,845	3,484,748	2,128,344
Other Grants ..	450,500	300,000	100,000	250,000	138,100
Total to or for States(b) ..	15,989,289	15,649,444	15,696,812	14,926,409	13,731,153
Relief to Primary Producers ..	262,166	2,014,713	2,509,266	3,022,624	4,063,155
Grand Total(c) ..	85,963,421	94,437,481	108,985,409	150,482,306	210,040,969
Per head of Population(d) ..	£12 10 6	£13 12 8	£15 11 9	£21 5 10	£29 8 7

(a) Excludes Defence and War (1939-42) Services. (b) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (c) Excludes expenditure from excess receipts (see table below). (d) Based on mean population for each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Excess Receipts.

Particulars.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
Accumulated balance ..	£1,276,558	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375	..
Excess Receipts ..	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375	..	..
Total for year ..	4,771,291	4,122,042	3,555,684	2,928,375	..
Expenditure from Excess Receipts—					
Grants to States ..	..	..	..	..	..
Special Defence Provision ..	..	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375	..
Post Office Works Provision ..	1,000,000	..	..	..	..
Reduction of deficit ..	276,558	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,276,558	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375	..
Accumulated balance ..	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375	..	..

Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	Total to 30th June, 1942.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Defence and War (1939-42) Services— General Services, Works, &c. . . . .	..	..	28,814,046	101,591,230	210,876,328	341,271,604
Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.— Army Buildings, Works and Sites	339,816	97,788	..	..	..	1,118,989
Arms, Armament and Ammunition	109,180	530,342	..	..	..	954,822
Naval Buildings, Works and Sites	106,970	82,248	..	..	..	1,703,834
Fleet Construction	451,350	521,556	..	..	..	1,608,303
R.A.A.F. Equipment, Buildings, &c. Munitions Production, Buildings and Works	673,026	436,356	..	..	..	1,578,461
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	273,945	243,994	..	..	..	1,729,539
Ships, Yards and Docks	112,550	..	Cr. 305,351	Cr. 14,016	Cr. 2,859	214,291
Lighthouses, Works and Services	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	7,863,028
River Murray Waters Act . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	636,490
Postmaster-General's Department— Telegraph and Telephone Con- struction	Cr. 451	Cr. 1,290	1,733,113	1,689,329	939,918	36,057,558
Buildings, Works, Sites, &c. . . . .	..	..	120,050	220,882	244,940	4,079,743
Subscription to Capital of Amalga- mated Wireless Ltd. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	300,000
Radio Stations and Equipment . . . . .	..	..	29,509	3,711	15,082	104,538
Serum and Health Laboratories . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	80,149
Other Health Buildings and Services . . . . .	..	..	..	..	Cr. 1,100	21,864
Repatriation Buildings, &c. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	47,026
War Service Homes (a) . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	7,329,523
Railways— Trans-Australian	Cr. 938	Cr. 339	Cr. 102	Cr. 2,070	Cr. 73	7,124,050
Central Australia . . . . .	..	..	..	Cr. 170	5,584	2,486,010
North Australia . . . . .	..	..	Cr. 184	..	Cr. 23,167	1,574,208
Australian Capital Territory . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	28,755
Grafton-South Brisbane . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	2,446,005
Railways Plant and Store Suspense Account . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	200,000
Territories— A.C.T. Works, Services and Acquisi- tion of Land (b)	Cr. 5,514	Cr. 6,768	Cr. 10,752	Cr. 4,821	Cr. 7,406	8,479,073
Northern Territory	Cr. 61	..	Cr. 31	..	..	171,870
Papua . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	129,749
New Guinea . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	40,496
Norfolk Island . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	2,000
London Offices . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	880,190
High Court Accommodation, Mel- bourne . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	19,505
Acquisition of Properties not else- where included	Cr. 263	..	..	..	..	137,648
Immigration . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	1,680,834
Subscription to Capital of Common- wealth Oil Refinery . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	343,751
Assistance to States— Unemployment Relief	Cr. 8,895	Cr. 3,822	Cr. 65,844	Cr. 45,284	Cr. 5,773	2,449,604
Mining . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	283,750
Forestry . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	322,000
Farmers' Debt Adjustment	2,500,000	2,000,000	750,000	500,000	165,000	7,732,000
Roads . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	249,686
Wire and Wire Netting . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	608,849
Drought Relief . . . . .	..	..	..	1,270,000	597,000	1,867,000
Wheat Bounty . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	3,429,571
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	4,549,215	3,593,714	2,540,743	3,628,218	1,929,005	110,220,387
GRAND TOTAL	4,549,215	3,593,714	31,354,789	105,209,443	212,805,333	451,491,991

(a) In addition, £13,045,408 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24.

(b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 31st MARCH, 1943.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£(Aust.)	£(Stg.)	£(a)	£(b)
War (1914-19)	167,078,667	90,744,381	..	257,823,048
War (1939-43)	c647,840,386	d17,888,500	..	665,728,886
Works and other Purposes	41,333,703	64,884,096	15,834,593	122,052,392
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	856,252,756	173,516,977	15,834,593	1,045,604,326
Per head of population (e) ..	£118 19 7	£24 2 3	£2 4 0	£145 5 10
State—				
Debts of the States ..	503,328,949	379,701,120	25,709,330	908,739,399
Per head of population (e) ..	£70 2 8	£52 18 2	£3 11 8	£126 12 6
Total Public Debt ..	1,359,581,705	553,218,097	41,543,923	1,954,343,725
Per head of population ..	£188 18 5	£76 17 5	£5 15 5	£271 11 3

INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£(Aust.)	£(Stg.)	£(a)	£(f)
War (1914-19)	6,406,438	(g) 426,008	..	6,832,446
War (1939-43)	15,415,432	591,000	..	16,006,432
Works and other Purposes	1,208,473	2,633,876	774,892	4,617,241
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	23,030,343	(g) 3,650,884	774,892	27,456,119
Average Rate per cent. (h) ..	£2 14 2	£3 17 11	£4 17 10	£2 17 3
State—				
Debts of the States ..	17,091,794	14,507,336	1,277,623	32,876,753
Average Rate per cent. ..	£3 7 11	£3 16 5	£4 19 5	£3 12 4
Grand Total	40,122,137	(g) 18,158,220	2,052,515	60,332,872
Average Rate per cent. (h) ..	£2 19 3	£3 16 9	£4 18 10	£3 4 7

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.).

(b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated.

(c) Includes £32,958,196 War Savings Certificates, £6,179,023 Interest Free Loans (Citizens' National Emergency Loans), £150 Advance Loan Subscriptions, £1,473,700 National Savings Bonds and £310,231 War Savings Stamps.

(d) Includes £113,500 Interest Free Loans.

(e) Based on estimated aggregate population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) and of the six States at 31st December, 1942.

(f) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(g) Excludes suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,220) due to British Government.

(h) Interest Free Loans excluded when calculating rate.

AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS
AND BY THE PUBLIC.

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount. (a)	Percentage on total circulation.
	£	£	£	£'000.	%
1937 (b)	17,194,775	31,008,466	48,203,241	16,010	33.2
1938 (b)	16,700,223	32,706,922	49,407,150	16,009	32.4
1939 (b)	14,403,326	35,186,843	49,590,169	16,030	32.4
1940 (b)	13,927,376	44,444,954	58,372,330	16,269	28.1
1941 (b)	14,318,069	55,069,058	69,387,124	18,559	26.8
1942 (b)	14,879,107	88,189,429	103,068,536	26,777	25.9
1942 (c)—October	15,518,166	98,588,202	114,106,368	29,829	26.1
November	15,858,222	101,748,146	117,606,368	30,141	25.6
December	13,737,737	109,618,631	123,356,368	31,391	25.5
1943 (c)—January	17,830,701	106,275,667	124,106,368	31,391	25.3
February	15,794,667	111,311,701	127,106,368	32,641	25.7
March	15,499,063	115,857,305	131,356,368	33,891	25.8

(a) Includes English sterling.
Monday in each month.

(b) Average of twelve monthly statements.

(c) On last

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	27th March, 1939.	25th March, 1940.	31st March, 1941.	30th March, 1942.	29th March, 1943.
	£	£	£	£	£
10s.	4,112,337	4,502,807	4,736,149	5,382,395	6,460,207
£1	20,994,142	24,075,913	27,099,280	37,565,858	48,281,381
£5	11,495,965	13,502,235	17,409,485	29,726,255	47,591,800
£10	5,094,270	6,316,970	8,425,210	12,889,120	20,587,430
£20	109,060	92,640	75,220	65,660	58,700
£50	1,253,450	1,528,850	1,972,200	2,639,750	3,266,750
£100	2,240,900	2,575,800	3,006,900	3,801,000	4,702,100
£1,000	2,230,000	1,430,000	395,000	294,000	408,000
Held by banks ,, public	14,821,526	11,346,941	13,866,954	14,497,855	15,499,063
	32,708,598	42,678,274	49,252,490	77,866,183	115,857,305
Total	47,530,124	54,025,215	63,119,444	92,364,038	131,356,368
Reserve (a)	Gold	341,213	393,136	74,863	74,133
	English	15,688,391	15,688,392	17,630,183	24,880,183
	Sterling				33,817,683
Total	16,029,604	16,081,528	17,705,046	24,954,316	33,891,463
Percentage on circulation	33.73	29.77	28.05	27.02	25.80

(a) Valued in Australian currency.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1942.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1942.			Number per 10,000 of Population.	Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1942.	Pensions paid during 1941-42. (a)			
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.			Old- age.	Invalid.		
						Old- age.	Invalid.		
New South Wales (c)	No.	No.	No.		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		
Victoria . . .	110,464	28,218	138,682	391	100	48 4	49 1		
Queensland . . .	75,240	12,550	87,790	385	64	48 4	48 11		
South Australia (d)	35,872	9,167	45,039	347	89	48 5	48 11		
Western Australia	24,041	4,381	28,422	391	71	47 7	48 5		
Tasmania . . .	19,156	3,557	22,713	409	76	47 11	48 10		
	10,683	2,724	13,407	446	114	47 11	48 7		
Total . . .	275,456	60,597	336,053	386	85	48 3	48 11		
						19,257,025	54 0		

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year.

(c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension. (a)		
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.				
				No.	No.				
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	£ 1,847,440	19 1		
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0		
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,875	19 6		
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5		
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5		
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4		
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3		
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 3		
1919 ..	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2		
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1		
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9		
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	28 9		
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9		
1924 ..	118,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9		
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8		
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	33 7		
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,539	33 6		
1928 ..	139,387	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	33 5		
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	33 5		
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	33 5		
1931 ..	172,177	65,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	33 4		
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	33 3		
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10		
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,983,090	33 8		
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7		
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34 8		
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	34 8		
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	34 6		
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	16,991,782	34 5		
1940(d) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	84	16,459,245	38 6		
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	390	83	17,366,355	(c) 41 5		
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	386	85	19,257,025	(c) 43 4		

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioned inmates of these institutions. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 6d. October, 1942; 6d. January, 1943. Rate £1 6s. 6d. from 1st April, 1943. (d) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed, and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pension list.

WAR PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1942.

Place.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.			
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
New South Wales	No.	No.	No.	No.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ..	25,938	9,169	38,039	73,146	2 0 11	0 19 9	1 7 3	
Queensland ..	25,375	8,493	38,435	72,303	1 15 8	0 18 0	1 4 2	
South Australia ..	8,632	2,553	13,244	24,429	2 2 1	0 18 0	1 6 6	
Western Australia	4,705	2,211	6,988	13,904	2 1 0	1 1 1	1 7 10	
Tasmania ..	6,842	2,329	10,586	19,757	1 19 8	0 18 10	1 6 1	
United Kingdom ..	3,341	1,123	6,122	10,586	2 10 11	0 18 9	1 7 11	
Elsewhere ..	1,503	1,671	2,277	5,451	2 4 9	1 8 8	1 13 1	
	305	130	328	763	1 16 10	1 3 1	1 8 7	
Total 1941-42 ..	76,641	27,679	116,019	220,339	1 19 8	0 19 1	1 6 3	
1940-41 ..	75,767	25,937	123,787	225,491	1 19 10	0 17 11	1 5 3	

SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1942.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current—							
Old-age (Members of Forces) ..	1,650	1,139	694	301	440	70	4,294
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces ..	1,007	811	843	435	476	200	3,772
Dependants ..	1,254	1,060	951	516	499	311	4,591
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces ..	315	143	66	50	61	15	650
Dependants ..	435	201	95	90	85	33	939
Total 1941-42 ..	4,661	3,354	2,649	1,392	1,561	629	14,246
1940-41 ..	4,426	3,445	2,478	1,524	1,545	664	14,081
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	2 1 4	2 1 6	2 2 9	2 2 5	2 0 9	2 0 1	2 1 8
Dependants ..	1 2 5	1 3 3	1 1 4	1 2 9	1 3 10	0 18 1	1 2 3
All Pensioners 1941-42	1 14 6	1 14 8	1 14 4	1 13 10	1 14 2	1 8 1	1 14 1
1940-41	1 9 11	1 9 7	1 8 10	1 8 10	1 9 3	1 3 8	1 9 2

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

(G) WAR PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	2,634,894	2,661,271	2,674,462	2,618,564	2,560,477	2,570,241
Victoria ..	2,326,414	2,334,448	2,353,107	2,317,417	2,252,227	2,255,233
Queensland ..	857,139	874,372	890,710	873,635	853,757	846,584
South Australia ..	481,068	493,256	497,230	497,743	485,919	494,166
Western Australia ..	680,272	689,528	696,833	685,019	671,457	668,617
Tasmania ..	387,511	397,199	403,747	404,154	396,814	393,406
Elsewhere ..	315,791	310,634	303,200	285,714	267,880	267,664
Total ..	7,683,089	7,761,207	7,819,289	7,682,246	a7,488,531	a7,501,911

(H) SERVICE PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	66,565	96,327	118,443	148,599	162,035	185,215
Victoria ..	54,127	84,365	103,292	118,577	126,975	140,916
Queensland ..	35,465	57,643	72,717	80,364	88,088	106,120
South Australia ..	37,277	45,028	51,474	54,377	57,758	60,105
Western Australia ..	23,549	33,344	46,044	51,651	55,783	64,652
Tasmania ..	4,728	10,254	15,157	18,695	19,564	22,548
Elsewhere ..	8	10	..	..	..	..
Total ..	221,714	329,871	407,127	472,263	511,103	579,656

(a) Includes 1939-42 War—£18,772, 1940-41 and £207,324, 1941-42.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCE.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1936 ..	30,463	19,672	11,640	6,613	4,850	3,689	26	76,953
1937 ..	31,086	20,350	12,170	6,854	4,731	4,018	45	79,254
1938 ..	30,440	20,160	12,660	6,656	5,026	4,029	29	79,000
1939 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916
1940 ..	29,700	19,660	12,290	7,009	4,774	3,833	36	77,352
1941 ..	28,540	19,150	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	75,692
1942 ..	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,391
Total since 10.10.12	1,321,967	869,214	497,736	200,484	211,700	143,761	1,115	3,335,977
								16,433,893

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1940-41.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
Individuals—	No.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	%
Under £201	376,169	2,113,192	5 12 4	5.4
£201 to £500	155,486	3,639,706	23 8 2	9.3
£501 to £1,000	62,039	4,835,518	77 18 10	12.3
£1,001 and over	29,681	19,198,958	646 16 10	49.1
Total Individuals	623,375	29,787,374	47 15 8	76.1
Companies	13,927	9,341,712(b)	670 15 3	23.9
GRAND TOTAL .. .. ..	..	39,129,086	..	100 0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1939-40.

(b) Excludes Super Tax, War Time (Company) Tax and Undistributed Profits Tax.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment year—				
	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners	20,742	21,028	20,956	21,395	21,959
Absentee Owners	2,555	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562
TOTAL	23,297	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident	221,124,954	225,774,692	223,207,419	234,273,018	244,512,737
Absentee	1,985,918	1,999,905	2,047,766	1,892,584	1,085,096
TOTAL	223,110,872	227,774,597	230,255,185	236,165,577	246,197,833
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident	256,376,660	257,346,942	257,277,026	272,109,061	277,242,136
Absentee	2,156,519	2,167,995	2,196,814	2,086,107	1,991,916
TOTAL	258,533,179	259,514,937	259,473,840	274,189,168	279,234,052
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	909,467	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928
Absentee Owners ..	9,760	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509
TOTAL	919,227	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	333,903	329,487	372,713	388,763	784,293
Absentee Owners ..	2,704	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113
TOTAL	336,607	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,243,370	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,000	3,235,221
Absentee Owners ..	12,484	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622
TOTAL	1,255,834	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED ac.	a57,109,422	a57,636,000	a56,695,904	a56,131,125	a63,556,163
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.415d.	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.680d.	2.985d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1941-42.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£ £	No.	£	£	£
1- 1,000	2,335	5,682,733	1,053,731	31,600
1,001- 2,000	1,408	4,881,144	2,070,499	59,975
2,001- 3,000	954	4,418,742	2,351,921	68,186
3,001- 4,000	564	3,255,701	1,944,772	57,181
4,001- 5,000	427	3,282,803	1,904,549	55,705
5,001-10,000	990	9,911,959	6,921,720	203,322
10,001-20,000	642	11,253,175	9,002,948	357,414
20,001-50,000	299	10,933,885	8,686,691	654,770
50,001 and over	86	12,971,094	9,822,545	1,598,867
Total	7,705	66,591,236	43,759,376	3,117,020

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1941-42.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable in each month.—Australia.(a)

Year 1941-42.

Month.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods. (b)	Taxable Sales.(b)						Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		5 per cent.(c)	10 per cent.(c)	12½ per cent.(d)	15 per cent.(c)	20 per cent.(e)	25 per cent.(d)	
July ..	£'000. 47,054	£'000. 4,560	£'000. 12,049	£'000. 2,842	£'000. 2,742	£'000. 3,274	£'000. ...	£'000. 19,451 20,744 20,846
August ..	46,855	4,617	13,385	...	...	...	...	1,858 1,980 2,012
September ..	49,644	4,736	12,836	...	...	...	...	20,744 20,846
Total, Sept. Qtr.	143,553	13,913	38,270	...	8,858	...	...	61,041 5,850
October ..	52,079	4,485	12,923	...	3,117	175	...	20,700 2,018
November ..	46,296	1,056	14,431	...	...	2,878	...	18,365 2,072
December ..	51,353	776	17,087	...	...	3,757	...	21,570 2,494
Total, Dec. Qtr.	149,728	6,817	44,391	...	3,117	6,810	...	60,635 6,584
January ..	44,482	817	13,575	...	...	2,540	...	16,932 1,906
February ..	46,308	795	14,903	...	...	2,978	...	18,676 2,125
March ..	49,780	792	14,885	...	...	2,886	...	18,563 2,105
Total, Mar. Qtr.	140,570	2,404	43,363	...	...	8,404	...	54,171 6,136
April ..	49,306	756	15,517	...	...	3,318	...	19,591 2,253
May ..	48,388	..	..	14,032	...	...	2,554	16,586 2,392
June ..	49,601	..	..	13,956	...	...	2,430	16,386 2,352
Total, June Qtr.	147,295	756	15,517	27,988	...	3,318	4,984	52,503 6,997
Total year ..	581,146	23,390	141,541	27,988	11,975	18,532	4,984	228,410 25,567

Year 1942-43.

Month.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)			Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		12½ per cent.(d)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.	
July ..	£'000. 51,353	£'000. 16,057	£'000. 2,806	£'000. 18,863	£'000. 2,699
August ..	51,248	15,457	2,883	18,340	2,649
September ..	49,013	14,105	2,824	16,929	2,487
Total, September Qtr.	151,614	45,619	8,513	54,132	7,815
October ..	50,922	14,307	2,720	17,027	2,467
November ..	49,577	14,357	2,624	16,981	2,454
December ..	51,290	14,027	3,156	17,183	2,540
Total, December Qtr.	151,789	42,691	8,500	51,191	7,461
January ..	44,100	11,900	2,200	14,100	2,035
February (f) ..	49,400	13,300	2,200	15,500	2,210

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade.
 (b) Includes Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) The rates 5 per cent., 10 per cent. and 15 per cent. came into operation on 22nd November, 1940. (d) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. (e) The rate of 20 per cent. replaced the rate of 15 per cent. from 30th October, 1941. (f) Partly estimated—subject to revision.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Deductions have been made from the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications caused by inter-fund payments and to maintain uniformity from year to year in the presentation of statistics. A deduction of £795,540 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £66,661,218, and of £959,646 from the Expenditure total of £65,783,839. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and have not been adjusted.

STATE REVENUES, 1941-42.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
Taxation (b)	£ 22,294,087	£ 11,201,263	£ 8,034,362	£ 4,741,951	£ 3,139,127	£ 1,802,051	£ 51,212,841
Railways	27,686,332	14,170,449	10,444,982	d 4,857,981	3,898,809	..	61,067,553
Tramways (e)	5,429,411	(f) 115,428	..	..	402,693	..	5,947,532
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,712,072	2,368,073	1,500	1,888,727	1,800,582	4,648	7,775,602
Land	1,673,764	536,431	1,583,161	259,197	309,819	76,727	4,439,099
Interest	390,635	1,545,721	1,289,928	959,007	435,724	466,286	5,087,301
Commonwealth Payments	2,917,411	2,127,159	1,096,235	1,733,816	1,103,432	786,859	9,764,912
All other Sources	3,761,966	1,088,848	1,212,779	561,351	849,963	222,136	7,647,043
Total Revenue	65,865,678	33,112,372	23,662,947	15,002,030	11,940,149	3,358,707	152,941,883
Total Revenue per head (g)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	23 8 4	16 18 10	22 17 3	24 15 11	25 9 8	14 0 7	21 9 11

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1928-29 AND 1937-38 TO 1941-42.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929	46,240,658	27,286,329	16,725,682	10,840,914	9,947,951	2,766,434	113,807,968
1938	53,545,720	27,614,982	17,331,731	12,460,936	10,819,042	3,639,755	125,420,166
1939	51,709,735	26,985,548	19,330,369	12,303,597	10,949,660	3,614,764	124,893,673
1940	54,754,626	28,102,735	20,755,504	12,755,648	11,119,943	a3,055,310	130,543,766
1941	59,895,571	29,182,657	21,539,749	12,924,663	11,432,068	a2,921,573	137,896,281
1942	65,865,678	33,112,372	23,662,947	15,002,030	11,940,149	a3,358,707	152,941,883

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1941-42.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
Interest and Charges on Public Debt	£ 15,583,394	£ 8,796,171	£ 7,067,269	£ 5,371,960	£ 4,591,612	£ 1,853,230	£ 42,763,636
Railways	21,196,694	11,082,482	8,265,486	3,490,993	2,999,830	2,937	47,038,422
Tramways (f)	4,873,110	..	..	..	299,684	..	5,172,794
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	910,207	1,228,369	4,103	675,330	918,211	..	3,736,220
Education	5,882,350	3,237,797	1,849,286	1,078,324	928,995	440,300	13,417,052
Hospitals	2,504,165	1,325,912	647,849	544,153	142,550	177,098	5,401,727
Other Charities	2,599,590	1,689,860	985,210	242,354	275,267	151,550	5,943,831
All other Expenditure	11,214,683	4,959,481	4,779,972	2,429,240	1,782,232	1,232,007	26,397,615
Total Expenditure	64,824,193	32,320,072	23,599,175	13,832,354	11,938,381	3,357,122	149,871,297
Total Expenditure per head (g)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	23 0 11	16 10 9	22 16 1	22 17 3	25 9 6	14 0 6	21 1 3

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1928-29 AND 1937-38 TO 1941-42.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929	48,159,691	27,251,578	16,902,145	11,771,772	10,223,919	2,855,977	117,165,082
1938	53,495,881	27,584,087	17,568,223	12,334,391	10,829,735	3,632,908	125,445,170
1939	54,163,064	27,772,790	19,316,323	12,700,921	11,170,102	3,640,748	128,763,948
1940	57,049,577	28,096,474	20,739,749	12,018,376	11,266,768	a3,052,909	138,123,853
1941	60,319,086	29,040,357	21,511,313	13,007,598	11,420,957	a3,103,204	138,402,465
1942	64,824,193	32,320,072	23,599,175	13,832,354	11,938,381	a3,357,122	149,871,297

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1941-42, see p. 39. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Based on mean population for the financial year.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1941-42.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Railways ..	1,680,050	730,894	95,345	344,673	25,394	40,109	2,916,465
Tramways (b) ..	Cr. 198,239	..	..	Cr. 52,744	29,857	..	Cr. 221,126
Roads and Bridges ..	606,611	Cr. 28,684	321,955	Cr. 16,000	Cr. 13	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	124,655	Cr. 4,733	20,487	16,020	55,668	40,955	1,136,921
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	Cr. 36,669	266,951	305,000	921,510	168,525	..	1,625,317
Electricity Supply ..	151,853	..	..	..	12,578	512,242	676,673
Public Buildings ..	487,080	441,837	314,055	71,732	35,042	115,700	1,465,446
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 148,225	Cr. 67,163	..	..	..	Cr. 10,738	Cr. 226,126
Other Public Works, &c. ..	160,872	Cr. 2,936	564,989	Cr. 20,957	Cr. 2,875	110,149	809,242
Primary Production—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Settlement (d) ..	36	Cr. 450,903	28,890	Cr. 179,662	Cr. 49,347	Cr. 128,205	Cr. 779,191
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	484,743	..	Cr. 7,901	14,054	134,022	..	624,918
Other	Cr. 154,736	209,978	Cr. 58,721	6,268	137,317	34,615	174,721
Other purposes .. ..	..	2,379	Cr. 46	125,584	133,552	..	261,469
Total Works, &c. ..	3,158,031	1,097,620	1,584,053	1,230,478	679,720	714,827	8,464,729
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head (e) ..	1 2 5	0 11 3	1 10 7	2 0 8	1 9 0	2 19 9	1 3 10
Non-Works—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	Cr. 391,976	..	..	82,936	Cr. 1,768	..	Cr. 310,808
Other (f)	99,896	63,742	530,545	17,671	7,720	..	728,574
Grand Total ..	2,865,951	1,161,362	2,123,598	1,331,085	685,672	714,827	8,882,495

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses.
 (c) Loans to Metropolitan Tramways Trust. (d) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (e) Based on mean population of financial year. (f) Discounts and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c.

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1942.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways and Tramways ..	164,304	78,236	66,223	39,130	26,985	7,410	382,288
Roads and Bridges ..	20,933	12,645	5,308	3,875	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	22,172	1,405	2,834	8,484	7,520	..	95,606
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	40,896	31,797	1,632	20,815	14,851	..	109,991
Electricity Supply ..	2,476	17,839	..	..	1,863	7,069	29,247
Public Buildings ..	17,550	8,025	7,298	4,244	2,757	2,867	42,741
Unemployment Relief ..	17,291	13,123	..	..	(b)	356	30,770
Other Public Works, &c. (c) ..	11,540	3,669	26,352	8,124	3,074	(d) 4,257	57,016
Primary Production—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Settlement ..	12,328	44,057	5,650	12,007	17,804	3,073	94,919
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	19,480	..	1,993	9,233	3,852	..	34,558
Other	7,818	5,175	8,226	2,259	14,076	35	37,589
Other purposes	89	212	424	4,198	3,536	..	8,459
Total Works ..	336,877	216,183	125,940	112,369	99,501	32,314	923,184
Non-Works—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	42,830	4,864	5,827	9,251	12,104	1,017	75,893
Other	17,814	5,834	10,332	1,227	4,096	..	39,303
Grand Total ..	397,521	226,881	142,099	122,847	115,701	33,331	1,038,580

(a) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (b) Not available separately—distributed over individual items. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, Immigration, &c. (d) Includes Loan Flotation Expenses.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1942.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Aust.	Stg.	(a)	(b)	Aust.	Stg.	(a)	(c)
New South Wales ..	198,915	155,518	12,070	366,503	6,467	5,821	584	12,872
Victoria ..	111,167	62,051	4,499	177,717	4,040	2,316	221	6,577
Queensland ..	63,113	62,788	5,271	131,172	2,190	2,513	279	4,982
South Australia ..	64,607	42,850	1,733	109,190	2,309	1,674	87	4,070
Western Australia ..	51,480	43,863	2,016	97,359	1,744	1,684	101	3,529
Tasmania ..	15,157	13,352	228	28,737	534	492	11	1,037
Total ..	504,439	380,422	25,817	910,678	17,284	14,500	1,283	33,067

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable, takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Nine months ended March.					
	1941-42.			1942-43.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
£'000.	£'000.	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales (a) ..	45,996	44,735	+ 1,261	49,500	50,101	- 601
Victoria ..	19,310	22,035	- 2,725	22,528	24,420	- 1,892
Queensland ..	15,324	15,567	- 243	20,318	17,452	+ 2,866
South Australia ..	10,350	10,075	+ 275	10,667	10,929	- 262
Western Australia ..	8,425	8,838	- 413	9,451	9,515	- 64
Tasmania ..	2,084	2,384	- 300	2,177	2,468	- 291
Total, Six States ..	101,489	103,634	- 2,145	114,641	114,885	- 244
Commonwealth ..	125,906	125,906	..	167,721	167,721	..
Grand Total (b) ..	218,908	221,053	- 2,145	261,958	262,202	- 244

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget, and from the Unemployment Relief Fund. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States on account of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants. Deductions have also been made on account of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

State, &c.	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments. (a)	Expenditure—Administration, Works and Social Services, including Unemployment Relief.				
		Nine months ended March—				
	1941-42.	1942-43.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1941-42.	
£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
New South Wales ..	2,188	10,424	14,451	3,605	15,799	15,616
Victoria ..	1,595	5,301	5,367	2,500	7,971	9,040
Queensland ..	822	4,213	4,952	1,417	5,541	5,285
South Australia ..	1,301	2,203	3,113	1,209	2,868	3,076
Western Australia ..	827	2,697	1,962	542	2,256	2,597
Tasmania ..	590	1,191	929	383	1,263	1,293
Total, Six States ..	7,323	26,029	30,774	9,656	35,698	36,907
Commonwealth ..	..	..	105,846	141,829	(b) 82,545	(b) 105,311
Grand Total ..	7,323	26,029	136,620	151,485	118,243	142,218

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainment Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (b) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding Interest, &c., charges), £46,062,000, 1941-42; £62,702,000, 1942-43.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS. (a)

State, &c.	Revenue.				Expenditure.
	Nine months ended March—				
	1941-42.	1942-43.	1941-42.	1942-43.	
£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
New South Wales ..	25,187	30,641	17,613	23,236	
Victoria (b) ..	10,000	11,795	7,574	9,165	
Queensland (c) ..	7,077	12,408	5,316	7,549	
South Australia ..	4,722	5,868	3,127	3,801	
Western Australia ..	4,553	5,030	3,060	3,404	
Tasmania ..	..	..	(d) 236	249	
Total, Six States ..	51,539	65,742	36,926	47,404	
Commonwealth ..	16,692	20,137	11,958	14,737	
Grand Total ..	68,231	85,879	48,884	62,141	

(a) Excludes Interest, &c., charges. (b) Railways and State Coal-mine only. (c) Railways only. (d) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1941-42.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income and Dividend Tax.	Other Taxes on Income. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties.	Motor Taxes.	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
TOTAL.									
N. South Wales ..	£ 16,935,928	£ 2,137	£ 2,775,752	£ 1,446,042	£ 2,504,095	£ 1,134,228	£ 24,798,182		
Victoria ..	5,903,387	1,284,797	516,282	1,426,525	938,551	1,675,256	1,178,818	12,923,616	
Queensland ..	3,823,033	2,370,565	400,987	605,375	489,166	877,727	374,882	8,941,735	
South Australia ..	2,818,846	..	300,219	586,899	232,732	505,528	346,543	4,790,767	
Western Aust. ..	2,290,661	333,468	135,939	180,240	219,452	374,380	284,305	3,818,446	
Tasmania ..	1,108,847	..	92,809	139,980	75,219	184,682	(c) 385,196	1,986,733	
Total States ..	32,880,702	3,988,830	1,448,373	5,714,771	3,401,162	6,121,668	3,703,972	57,250,478	
Commonwealth	56,780,808	77,563,926	..	3,691,184	2,845,005	..	d38,554,422	179,435,345	
Grand Total	56,780,808	110,444,628	3,988,830	5,139,557	8,559,776	3,401,162	6,121,668	42,258,394	236,694,823

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(e)

N. South Wales	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ..	6 0 5	0 13 2	0 5 3	0 14 7	0 9 7	0 17 10	0 8 1	8 16 4	
Queensland ..	3 0 5	2 5 10	0 7 9	0 11 8	0 9 5	0 17 0	0 7 2	6 12 3	
South Australia ..	3 13 11	4 13 2	0 9 11	0 19 5	0 7 8	0 16 8	0 11 6	7 18 4	
Western Aust. ..	4 17 9	0 14 3	0 5 10	0 7 8	0 9 4	0 16 0	0 12 2	8 3 0	
Tasmania ..	4 12 7	..	0 7 9	0 11 9	0 6 3	0 15 5	1 12 2	8 5 11	
Total States ..	4 12 5	0 11 2	0 4 1	0 16 1	0 9 7	0 17 2	0 10 6	8 1 0	
Commonwealth	7 19 1	10 17 4	..	0 10 4	0 8 0	..	5 8 1	25 2 10	
Grand Total	7 19 1	15 9 6	0 11 2	0 14 5	1 4 0	0 9 6	0 17 2	5 18 5	33 3 3

(a) The foregoing particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. (b) Includes Unemployment Relief, State Development, Financial Emergency and Hospital Taxes. (c) Includes Income Tax on Lottery prizes. (d) Includes Sales, Flour, Pay-roll and Gold Taxes and Gift Duty. See page 27 for details. (e) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.			Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Other.	Total.		
	£	£	£		
1937-38 ..	48,383,005	20,665,480	69,048,485	49,674,765	118,723,250
1938-39 ..	47,632,365	26,404,534	74,036,899	50,506,997	124,543,896
1939-40 ..	53,824,906	36,185,757	90,010,663	54,386,815	144,397,478
1940-41 ..	53,779,783	71,603,739	125,383,522	56,304,176	181,687,698
1941-42 ..	56,780,808	122,654,537	179,435,345	57,259,478	236,694,823

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PER HEAD.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.(a)			Taxation by State Governments. (b)	Total Taxation. (a)
	Customs and Excise.	Other.	Total.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1937-38 ..	7 1 0	3 0 2	10 1 2	7 5 1	17 5 11
1938-39 ..	6 17 7	3 16 3	10 13 10	7 6 2	17 19 6
1939-40 ..	7 13 11	5 3 5	12 17 4	7 16 0	20 13 0
1940-41 ..	7 12 2	10 2 7	17 14 9	7 19 10	25 14 1
1941-42 ..	7 19 1	17 3 9	25 2 10	8 1 0	33 3 3

(a) Based on mean population of Commonwealth for each financial year. mean population of the six States, for each financial year.

(b) Based on aggregate

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Nine months ended March.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Common- wealth.(a)	Grand Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1941-42 ..	3,442	830	1,438	138	456	469	6,773	158,514	165,287
1942-43 ..	1,634	209	507	Cr. 906	342	174	1,960	334,570	336,530

(a) Gross expenditure. Includes Defence and War Services, £157,156,000, 1941-42; £334,385,000, 1942-43.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.—(i) TOTAL DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
PUBLIC DEBT.						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	179,058,853	175,193,890	173,028,896	171,240,024	167,219,614
	London £Stg.	90,744,381	90,744,381	90,744,381	90,744,380	90,744,380
War (1939-42)	Australia £A.	..	..	46,808,759	109,649,579	321,344,875
	London £Stg.	..	..	..	5,810,000	17,875,000
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	37,341,609	43,302,593	37,279,030	39,458,596	39,956,165
	London £Stg.	67,619,246	72,096,566	65,779,396	65,384,097	65,134,096
	New York £Stg.	10,080,972	15,913,501	15,876,718	15,876,718	15,876,718
Total ..	Australia £A.	216,400,462	218,496,483	257,116,085	320,348,199	528,520,654
	London £Stg.	158,363,627	162,840,947	162,333,777	174,008,477	173,753,476
	New York £Stg.	10,080,972	15,913,501	15,876,718	15,876,718	15,876,718
Total ..	..	390,845,061	397,250,931	435,327,180	510,228,394	718,150,848
State ..	Australia £A.	469,742,248	485,179,757	493,646,681	504,494,372	504,489,305
	London £Stg.	385,888,993	384,327,833	384,162,682	384,041,606	380,422,219
	New York £Stg.	23,549,461	28,264,451	27,918,001	27,486,068	25,816,388
Total ..	..	884,180,702	897,772,041	905,727,064	916,022,046	910,677,912
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	686,142,710	703,676,240	750,763,366	824,842,571	1,032,950,959
	London £Stg.	544,252,620	547,168,780	546,496,159	558,045,088	554,175,695
	New York £Stg.	44,630,433	44,177,952	43,794,719	43,362,786	41,603,106
Total ..	..	1,275,025,763	1,295,022,972	1,341,054,244	1,426,250,440	1,628,828,760

(ii) DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	London £Stg.	25 19 6	25 3 4	24 12 2	24 2 3	23 6 2
War (1939-42)	Australia £A.	13 3 3	13 0 9	12 18 2	12 15 6	12 13 0
	London £Stg.	..	..	6 13 2	15 8 9	44 15 10
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	5 8 4	6 4 5	0 16 6	2 10 5	2 9 10
	London £Stg.	9 16 3	10 7 1	5 6 0	5 11 1	5 11 5
	New York £Stg.	2 6 8	2 5 9	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3
Total ..	Australia £A.	31 7 10	31 7 9	36 11 4	45 2 1	73 13 5
	London £Stg.	22 19 6	23 7 10	23 1 9	24 10 0	24 4 5
	New York £Stg.	2 6 8	2 5 9	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3
Total ..	..	56 14 0	57 1 4	61 18 3	71 16 10	100 2 1
State ..	Australia £A.	68 6 5	69 17 8	70 8 4	71 5 4	70 10 5
	London £Stg.	56 2 6	55 7 2	54 15 11	54 5 0	53 3 8
	New York £Stg.	4 3 0	4 1 5	3 19 8	3 17 8	3 12 2
Total ..	..	128 11 11	129 6 3	129 3 11	129 8 0	127 6 3
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	99 10 9	101 1 10	106 15 6	116 2 9	143 19 8
	London £Stg.	78 19 1	78 12 1	77 14 6	78 11 5	77 4 11
	New York £Stg.	6 9 6	6 6 11	6 4 7	6 2 1	5 16 3
Total ..	..	184 19 4	186 0 10	190 14 7	200 16 3	227 0 10

(iii) — INTEREST PAYABLE.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth	Australia £A.	8,301,752	8,344,627	9,420,640	11,248,796	16,185,040
	London £Stg. (a)	3,201,299	3,403,554	3,887,796	3,736,322	3,655,830
	New York £Stg.	785,240	777,586	775,930	775,930	775,930
Total (b)	..	12,288,291	12,525,767	13,584,366	15,761,048	20,566,800
State	Australia £A.	16,715,028	17,240,238	17,593,171	17,866,911	17,283,764
	London £Stg.	15,010,049	14,962,882	14,958,802	14,500,603	14,500,345
	New York £Stg.	1,456,415	1,441,476	1,420,694	1,394,925	1,282,976
Total (b)	..	33,181,492	33,644,596	33,972,667	34,216,439	33,067,085
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State	Australia £A.	25,016,780	25,584,865	27,013,811	29,115,707	33,418,804
	London £Stg. (a)	18,211,348	18,366,436	18,346,598	18,690,925	18,156,175
	New York £Stg.	2,241,655	2,219,062	2,196,624	2,170,855	2,058,906
Total (b)	..	45,460,783	46,170,363	47,557,033	49,977,487	53,633,885

(a) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,220). (b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

(iv) — AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.						
Commonwealth and State	Australia	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	London (a)	3 12 11	3 12 9	3 12 4	3 11 1	3 5 1
	New York	3 18 5	3 18 7	3 18 7	3 18 2	3 16 7
Total (b)	..	5 0 5	5 0 6	5 0 4	5 0 2	4 18 9
		3 16 1	3 16 0	3 15 8	3 14 6	3 9 6

(a) See note (a) above. (b) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account of exchange.

(v) — SHORT-TERM DEBT. (a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At—								
		30th June, 1935.	30th June, 1936.	30th June, 1937.	30th June, 1938.	30th June, 1939.	30th June, 1940.	30th June, 1941.	30th June, 1942.	31st March, 1943.
Commonwealth	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	London £Stg.	10,220	10,220	9,720	5,495	4,220	3,970	1,750	83,500	268,950
State	Australia £A.	45,124	47,013	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	45,423	45,083	43,420
	London £Stg.	23,405	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	24,879	24,304
Total	Australia £A.	45,124	47,013	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	47,173	128,583	312,370
	London £Stg.	33,625	33,375	32,875	28,650	27,375	27,125	26,875	28,349	27,524

(a) Excludes Overdrafts.

(D.) BANKING.
ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Including Commonwealth Bank.)

Quarter ended—	Deposits.			Advances. (b)	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills). (c)	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits. (c)	Percentage Advances to Total Deposits. (c)
	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest. (a)	Total.				
	£	£	£				
June, 1938 ..	141,044,095	250,499,233	391,543,328	823,201,132	86,840,366	35.9	78.6
.. 1939 ..	140,225,435	250,561,218	390,786,653	832,688,203	93,820,443	35.6	81.3
.. 1940 ..	170,778,504	268,195,648	438,974,152	847,379,567	118,733,337	38.9	75.7
.. 1941 ..	189,643,072	268,408,222	458,051,294	830,534,522	142,927,611	41.3	68.9
.. 1942 ..	227,075,766	255,646,367	482,722,133	823,850,499	198,428,666	47.0	64.0
Sept., 1942 ..	237,697,627	252,922,373	490,620,000	812,970,861	211,589,753	48.4	60.8
Dec., 1942 ..	270,784,821	266,794,069	537,578,890	295,065,36a	266,812,597	50.3	52.2
Mar., 1943 ..	299,475,700	278,119,189	577,594,889	284,713,683	324,969,907	51.8	46.9

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills of the Commonwealth Bank. (c) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.(a)	Total.	
June, 1938..	167,212	2,927,840	941,148	120,407,990	201,520,941	321,928,940	325,965,140
“ 1939..	167,097	3,066,541	809,769	120,112,182	203,851,529	323,963,711	328,007,118
“ 1940..	166,877	3,592,048	1,000,181	138,438,117	214,685,760	353,123,877	357,882,983
“ 1941..	166,766	3,580,601	931,934	157,746,234	209,955,497	367,701,731	372,381,032
“ 1942..	166,669	3,912,162	1,061,604	193,618,973	195,492,847	389,111,820	394,252,255
Sept., 1942..	166,649	3,666,843	1,112,911	199,187,112	193,107,831	392,294,943	397,241,346
Dec., 1942..	166,644	4,228,729	1,278,472	225,379,097	194,048,186	419,427,283	425,101,128
Mar., 1943..	166,631	4,152,156	928,588	250,190,261	197,142,767	447,333,028	452,580,403

(a) Includes inscribed deposit stock of the Queensland National and E.S. and A. Banks.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank	Government and Municipal Securities. (a)	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Discounts, Overdrafts and all other assets.	Total Assets.
June, 1938	2,582,311	30,938,331	41,465,023	9,120,699	1,563,336	2,205,041	284,100,518	371,975,259
“ 1939	3,006,537	27,448,820	47,297,917	9,557,764	1,631,357	2,183,672	290,776,158	381,902,225
“ 1940	2,193,383	36,793,049	83,617,013	9,982,499	2,099,207	2,339,812	286,784,220	423,809,183
“ 1941	2,139,134	34,225,594	10,235,974	10,297,060	2,736,785	2,586,965	283,053,867	437,843,329
“ 1942	1,533,092	b73,845,665	95,836,702	9,995,607	3,246,603	3,551,116	269,944,477	457,983,262
Sept., 1942	1,603,527	b82,956,738	96,719,977	9,984,096	3,295,033	3,500,660	264,109,775	462,169,801
Dec., 1942	1,602,768	b103,593,225	118,403,495	9,936,495	3,023,297	3,781,650	249,630,908	489,971,833
Mar., 1943	1,811,839	b122,607,201	140,488,522	9,898,783	2,751,922	3,895,797	236,360,649	517,844,713

(a) Includes Treasury Bills. (b) Includes special War-time deposits with Commonwealth Bank, June quarter, 1942, £36,797,000; September quarter, 1942, £38,237,691; December quarter, 1942, £54,569,998; March quarter, 1943, £80,471,616.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	General Banking Department.					Note Issue and General Banking Department.	
	Business within Australia.						
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short-term Loans.	Government and Municipal Securities. (b)	
	Nct Bearing Interest. (a)	Bearing Interest.	Total.			Government and Municipal Securities. (b)	
June, 1938	18,505,546	45,256,710	63,762,256	19,404,009	15,159,773	41,952,657	£'000. £'000.
“ 1939	18,127,674	43,274,759	61,402,433	18,745,765	18,947,594	44,934,725	42,849 45,802
“ 1940	30,058,407	50,169,377	80,222,784	28,968,233	37,411,771	33,086,001	32,866 44,128
“ 1941	28,699,147	55,150,275	83,849,422	29,078,419	24,625,654	37,975,659	58,539 51,606
“ 1942	29,815,229	57,132,081	86,947,310	733,076,435	32,129,346	100,056,870	74,201 63,724
Sept., 1942	34,793,045	56,669,585	91,462,630	738,568,964	27,579,904	112,412,849	63,212 104,405
Dec., 1942	41,131,179	69,449,520	110,580,699	942,874,379	24,686,022	145,482,654	75,927 113,317
Mar., 1943	44,023,920	77,265,901	121,289,821	737,399,183	28,278,450	180,333,129	76,387 122,973

(a) Government “ Set-off ” accounts, Interstate deducted. (b) Includes Treasury Bills. (c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds. (d) Excludes special War-time deposits June quarter, 1942, £37,285,900; September quarter, 1942, £38,726,592; December quarter, 1942, £55,040,053; March quarter, 1943, £80,911,516.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
June—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938 ..	86,016	78,877	28,206	27,244	12,037	7,692	68	292	240,432
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1940 ..	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,563	11,860	8,518	192	350	236,991
1941 ..	87,750	85,689	29,089	27,510	12,521	8,941	357	374	252,231
1942 ..	94,538	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	(b)	388	274,275
1942—									
Jan. ..	92,973	92,619	30,639	29,080	13,443	9,484	403	393	269,034
Feb. ..	90,647	90,442	29,889	28,667	13,214	9,465	403	380	263,107
March ..	89,459	89,167	29,488	28,906	12,997	9,324	(b)	371	259,712
1943—									
Jan. ..	109,220	108,230	38,596	34,445	16,525	10,221	(b)	448	317,685
Feb. ..	112,818	111,532	39,644	35,436	17,053	10,528	(b)	480	327,491
March ..	115,642	114,326	40,948	36,425	17,562	10,706	(b)	502	336,111

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank. (b) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £32,958,000 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and March, 1943.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1938 ..	86,016	10,735	28,206	3,092	12,037	2,221	68	292	142,667
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1940 ..	82,111	11,785	28,252	3,094	11,860	2,297	192	350	139,941
1941 ..	87,750	13,942	29,089	3,509	12,521	2,423	357	374	149,965
1942 ..	94,538	16,910	31,214	4,684	13,821	2,705	(a)	388	164,260
1942—									
Jan. ..	92,973	15,924	30,639	4,009	13,443	2,607	403	393	160,391
Feb. ..	90,647	15,775	29,889	3,953	13,214	2,562	403	380	156,823
March ..	89,459	15,687	29,488	4,310	12,997	2,523	(a)	371	154,835
1943—									
Jan. ..	109,220	20,665	38,596	5,594	16,525	3,109	(a)	448	194,157
Feb. ..	112,818	21,424	39,644	5,776	17,053	3,204	(a)	480	200,399
March ..	115,642	22,311	40,948	6,002	17,562	3,286	(a)	502	206,253

(a) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth.	Hobart.
	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)				
Year 1939 ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
" 1940 ..	23,428	17,930	16,627	15,626	4,288	2,930	2,059	652
" 1941 ..	26,073	20,538	19,380	18,829	4,803	3,426	2,293	701
" 1942 ..	26,978	21,841	21,621	21,010	4,676	3,753	2,234	699
1943—	29,157	23,933	24,555	24,228	5,284	4,226	2,398	774
1st Jan. to 25th Jan.	30,769	24,218	25,062	24,790	5,341	4,142	2,755	789
26th Jan. to 22nd Feb.	31,407	25,731	26,560	26,435	6,201	4,599	2,848	874
23rd Feb. to 29th Mar.	31,951	27,828	28,470	28,468	5,810	5,278	2,622	770

(a) Average weekly clearings exclusive of transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales, since October, 1930.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

A.—Railways.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

Heading.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
Government—	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,113	6,114	6,118	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,721	4,759	4,759	4,759	4,766
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,378	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	651	658	645	642	642
Total ..	27,186	27,234	27,251	27,234	27,241

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	16,897,209	17,032,884	17,191,356	17,332,574	17,433,858
New South Wales ..	146,808,073	147,617,530	149,203,908	149,575,526	150,661,127
Victoria ..	51,764,255	52,448,789	52,037,722	52,229,383	52,718,195
Queensland ..	37,446,264	37,897,129	38,369,254	38,777,931	38,827,199
South Australia ..	29,582,615	29,732,889	30,109,220	30,399,735	30,801,278
Western Australia ..	25,779,661	26,021,781	26,187,632	26,309,388	26,393,048
Tasmania ..	2,106,081	2,140,330	2,155,261	2,248,034	2,348,784
Total(b) ..	314,746,658	317,253,832	319,616,853	321,235,071	323,545,989

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
Commonwealth ..	2,197	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,114	6,118	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,721	4,754	4,759	4,759	4,746
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,555	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557
Western Australia ..	4,374	4,376	4,380	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	651	658	644	642	642
Total ..	27,179	27,227	27,226	27,234	27,221

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(c)—'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	..	..	758	902	958	1,234	2,322
New South Wales ..	..	..	30,203	30,106	29,471	32,285	d36,368
Victoria ..	..	..	17,917	17,890	17,008	17,767	18,249
Queensland ..	..	..	13,648	13,927	14,190	14,603	16,396
South Australia ..	..	..	6,111	6,177	5,928	5,892	6,599
Western Australia ..	..	..	6,372	6,575	6,134	6,144	6,355
Tasmania ..	..	..	1,933	1,906	2,064	2,167	2,176
Total ..	..	..	76,942	77,483	75,753	80,092	88,465

GROSS REVENUE—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	..	..	443	547	622	971	2,195
New South Wales ..	..	..	20,286	19,946	20,755	24,016	28,487
Victoria ..	..	..	9,735	9,284	9,861	11,239	14,520
Queensland ..	..	..	7,383	7,798	8,090	8,415	11,654
South Australia ..	..	..	3,285	3,119	3,168	3,512	4,944
Western Australia ..	..	..	3,678	3,599	3,556	3,572	3,996
Tasmania ..	..	..	464	487	536	600	686
Total ..	..	..	45,274	44,780	46,588	52,325	66,482

(a) Capital has been reduced during the past fifteen years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania £4,700,000).

(b) Includes £4,362,500 for Grafton-South Brisbane line. (c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (d) Partly estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

Government.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	512	642	842	903	1,506
New South Wales	13,760	14,543	14,647	17,162	21,713
Victoria	7,830	8,060	8,058	8,959	11,600
Queensland	5,887	6,193	6,368	6,708	8,488
South Australia	2,867	2,931	2,937	3,062	3,856
Western Australia	2,710	2,911	2,828	2,758	3,026
Tasmania	676	678	688	757	854
Total	34,242	35,958	36,368	40,309	51,043
NET EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	—69	—95	—220	68	689
New South Wales	6,526	5,403	6,108	6,854	6,774
Victoria	1,905	1,224	1,803	2,280	2,920
Queensland	1,496	1,605	1,722	1,707	3,166
South Australia	418	188	231	450	1,088
Western Australia	968	688	728	814	970
Tasmania	—212	—191	—152	—157	—168
Total	11,032	8,822	10,220	12,016	15,439

PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)

	%	%	%	%	%
Commonwealth	—0.41	—0.56	—1.28	0.39	3.95
New South Wales	4.45	3.66	4.09	4.58	4.50
Victoria	3.68	2.33	3.47	4.37	5.54
Queensland	3.99	4.24	4.49	4.40	8.15
South Australia	1.41	0.63	0.77	1.48	3.53
Western Australia	3.75	2.64	2.78	3.09	3.68
Tasmania	—10.06	—8.91	—7.02	—6.99	—7.16
Total (b)	3.55	2.78	3.20	3.74	4.77

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Grafton-South Brisbane line (see note (b) on previous page.)

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1941.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,127	4,745	6,497	2,557	4,381	642	27,150
eRevenue—								
eCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	279	5,576	3,206	1,436	656	521	107	11,781
eGoods, including live stock and minerals £	391	6,901	2,859	3,398	1,310	1,395	202	16,456
eMiscellaneous £	119	(d) 656	511	(e)	176	64	10	1,536
eTotal Revenue £	789	(f) 13,133	6,576	4,834	2,142	1,080	319	29,773
eExpenditure £	577	8,816	4,887	3,689	1,757	1,487	(g) 379	21,592
eTrain-miles run ..	866	17,488	9,225	7,919	3,228	(h) 252	(i) 1,137	43,115
Earnings per train-mile 18s. 3d.	15s. 0d.	14s. 3d.	12s. 3d.	13s. 3d.	12s. 2d.	5s. 7d.	13s. 10d.	
Expenditure per train mile ..	13s. 4d.	10s. 1d.	10s. 7d.	9s. 4d.	10s. 11d.	9s. 2d.	6s. 8d.	10s. 0d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings %	73.11	67.13	74.32	76.30	82.05	75.12	118.69	72.52
ePassenger-journeys, No.	134	107,504	89,048	14,467	13,246	6,621	1,589	232,609
eCoal and Coke carried, tons ..	11	(j)	212	450	89	151	201	(l)
eOther Minerals carried, tons ..	17	(j)	(j)	214	295	85	(k)	(l)
eLive stock carried, tons ..	60	399	438	298	127	75	14	1,411
eOther Goods carried ..	66	8,849	2,754	2,252	965	977	295	16,158
eTotal Freight carried ..	154	9,248	3,404	3,214	1,476	1,288	510	19,294

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles.
 (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1942.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,127	4,764	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,159
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	419	6,983	3,738	2,349	832	630	141	15,092
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	1,227	9,551	4,084	6,336	1,855	1,430	235	24,718
cMiscellaneous £	36	(d) 744	593	(e)	214	80	16	1,683
cTotal Revenue £	1,682	(f) 17,278	8,415	8,685	2,901	2,140	392	41,493
cExpenditure £	959	12,596	5,581	4,634	2,133	1,627	(g) 418	27,948
cTrain-miles run ..	1,733	20,900	9,338	9,826	3,449	(h) 3,216	(i) 1,121	49,583
Earnings per train-mile	19s. 5d.	10s. 6d.	18s. 0d.	17s. 8d.	10s. 10d.	13s. 4d.	7s. 0d.	16s. 9d.
Expenditure per train-mile ..	11s. 1d.	12s. 1d.	11s. 11d.	9s. 5d.	12s. 4d.	10s. 1d.	7s. 5d.	11s. 3d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings %	57.00	72.90	66.32	53.37	73.52	76.00	106.57	67.35
cPassenger-journeys, No.	208	116,156	96,118	15,636	15,284	8,116	1,646	253,164
cCoal and Coke carried, tons ..	4	(j)	(j)	529	92	138	150	(l)
cOther Minerals carried, tons ..	8	(j)	(j)	232	279	85	(k)	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons ..	21	(m) 400	(m) 300	285	140	77	15	1,238
cOther Goods carried ..	197	9,613	3,844	2,459	1,254	916	322	18,605
cTotal Freight carried ..	230	10,013	4,144	3,505	1,765	1,216	487	21,360

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles.
 (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

B.—Civil Aviation.(a)

Particulars.	Six months ended December—				
	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.(e)
Registered Aircraft owners (c) .. No.	139	149	137	120	119
Registered Aircraft (c)	286	296	288	202	192
Licensed Pilots—(c)					
Private	937	1,096	(b) 1,225	502	239
Commercial	323	346	(b) 324	187	181
Licensed Ground Engineers(c)	437	525	(b) 651	617	716
Aerodromes—(c)					
Government	74	71	73	79	72
Public	197	213	224	212	207
Government Emer- gency Grounds	153	147	141	116	116
Hours flown Miles '000	62,172	62,355	39,150	36,814	26,381
Approximate mileage Miles '000	7,036	6,626	4,873	4,780	3,471
Passengers carried—					
Paying .. No.	63,843	60,450	64,447	85,619	83,997
Non-paying	12,198	13,502	4,898	3,058	1,394
Total	76,041	73,952	69,345	88,677	85,391
Goods, Weight carried lb. '000	806	938	989	1,327	1,086
Mails, Weight carried .. '000 (d)	378	(d)	247	210	(d)
Accidents—					
Persons killed .. No.	28	7	..	4	..
,, injured	9	1	1	3	3

(a) Includes particulars of the Darwin-Singapore oversea service, but excludes those relating to civil aviation in New Guinea. (b) Includes licences issued for New Guinea. (c) At 30th June.
 (d) Includes gross weight of oversea mail, i.e. includes weight of mail bags. (e) Subject to revision.

C.—Telephones.

Particulars.	At 30th June, 1939.	At 30th June, 1940.	At 30th June, 1941.	At 30th June, 1942.	At 31st March, 1943.
Lines connected.. No.	487,535	506,612	525,547	531,075	537,702
Instruments connected	661,996	691,088	720,321	738,666	758,768

D.—Motor Vehicles.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				Gross Revenue.				
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.	Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax. £	Drivers' and Riders' &c., Licences. £	Miscellaneous. £	Total. £
1941-42.									
New South Wales ..	171,268	72,138	15,323	258,729	427,910	2,235,717	214,738	77,995	2,528,450
Victoria ..	123,649	84,589	16,692	224,930	339,334	1,563,660	85,053	35,895	1,684,608
Queensland ..	60,929	43,029	5,566	109,524	209,412	793,376	52,769	50,623	896,768
South Australia ..	49,887	21,897	5,359	77,143	106,455	446,919	53,674	14,051	514,644
Western Australia ..	29,048	21,729	4,052	54,829	73,364	324,702	23,328	30,536	378,566
Tasmania ..	14,189	5,438	2,244	21,871	25,282	150,788	12,641	22,461	185,890
Northern Territory ..	464	1,270	162	1,896	2,182	3,191	901	..	4,092
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,417	425	69	1,911	2,733	10,272	1,469	143	11,884
Total ..	450,851	250,515	49,467	750,833	1,186,672	5,528,625	444,573	231,704	6,204,902
Total, 1940-41 ..	538,527	262,484	70,922	871,933	1,260,193	6,562,350	496,670	275,911	7,334,931

REGISTRATIONS AT 31ST MARCH, 1943.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	(a) N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	174,154	127,256	63,948	54,401	29,229	15,703	464	1,418	466,573
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	72,334	87,632	44,756	22,794	20,688	5,505	1,270	400	255,379
Motor Cycles ..	14,395	15,996	5,378	6,131	3,710	2,442	162	72	48,286
Total ..	260,883	230,884	114,082	83,326	53,627	23,650	1,896	1,890	770,238
Total at 31st March, 1942 ..	264,542	230,035	114,366	82,651	53,787	21,870	1,651	1,981	770,883

(a) At preceding 30th June.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1943.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	(a) S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	593	706	314	196	208	63	3	2,083
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	342	558	284	121	130	28	1	1,464
Motor Cycles ..	151	66	25	39	55	3	3	342
Total ..	1,086	1,330	623	356	393	94	7	3,889
Total, Nine months ended March, 1942 ..	2,953	2,615	1,080	963	654	265	15	8,545

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above particulars of primary producers' vehicles, Victoria, are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

E.—Wireless.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust. (c)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1930 ..	111,080	139,887	23,263	25,671	5,715	6,032	311,648
.. .. 1931 ..	122,470	137,005	24,108	30,238	9,075	8,232	331,128
.. .. 1932 ..	141,450	139,323	28,958	37,142	12,679	9,540	369,092
.. .. 1933 ..	178,000	170,995	36,186	50,150	20,536	12,563	468,430
.. .. 1934 ..	226,831	206,995	52,088	64,174	31,404	16,547	597,989
.. .. 1935 ..	278,648	236,886	67,369	76,365	41,176	20,088	720,532
.. .. 1936 ..	315,731	263,414	83,028	87,335	49,987	24,118	823,613
.. .. 1937 ..	358,292	288,717	101,358	99,033	61,151	29,780	938,331
.. .. 1938 ..	403,978	315,406	117,496	111,787	71,324	36,013	1,056,004
.. .. 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
.. .. 1940 ..	458,155	348,158	151,110	124,891	87,764	42,182	1,212,260
.. .. 1941 ..	494,884	362,790	168,216	131,292	91,368	44,716	1,293,266
.. .. 1942 ..	500,451	371,504	172,527	137,244	91,945	46,404	1,320,075
31st March, 1943 (d)	536,795	387,667	176,947	147,145	96,288	49,030	1,393,872

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Papua. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia
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NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.

1938	194	147	111	114	136	78	6	15	801	(a)366
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	819	(a)380
1940	196	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(a)381
1941	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.

1938	573	400	314	179	202	58	..	1	1,727	(b)2,162
1939	598	398	312	178	204	60	..	1	1,760	(b)2,199
1940	601	387	309	174	209	71	..	1	1,752	(b)2,183
1941	599	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	(b)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(b)2,156

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1938	346,837	215,021	169,569	62,404	67,932	21,051	806	1,538	885,158	885,158
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470	915,470
1940	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,503	68,271	24,556	1,405	1,905	955,862	955,862
1941	425,522	270,343	192,015	95,289	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417

(a) Allowing for Interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and Interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of Interstate unions, but also head State branches of Interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia.—Number and Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.	Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
			Number.	Percentage. (b)
1938 Year	390	466,825	40,138	8.7
1939 "	396	476,918	45,967	9.7
1940 "	394	491,352	39,116	8.0
1941 "	395	536,660	20,013	3.7
1942 "	394	613,534	9,768	1.6
1932—June Quarter(e)	396	418,742	124,068	30.0
1939—June	398	477,149	45,183	9.5
September	397	478,000	48,888	10.2
December	392	478,245	44,253	9.3
1940—March	394	483,806	38,307	7.9
June	388	475,815	49,775	10.5
September	397	496,872	36,892	7.4
December	396	508,914	31,491	6.2
1941—March	398	514,379	27,289	5.3
June	395	517,696	18,595	3.6
September	394	541,883	17,541	3.2
December	394	572,680	16,628	2.9
1942—March	394	588,525	10,767	1.8
June	394	603,066	10,353	1.7
September	394	617,076	9,603	1.6
December	394	645,467	8,350	1.3
1943—March	394	665,334	8,021	1.2

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 69. (c) Peak of unemployment.

Unemployment (a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1937 Year	10.9	9.0	7.3	8.2	5.6	7.3	9.3
1938	9.9	8.6	6.4	8.3	5.7	7.9	8.7
1939	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1940	11.0	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.6	5.2	8.0
1941	4.7	2.5	4.5	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.7
1942	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1932—June Quarter (b) ..	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1938—June	9.8	8.5	7.2	7.5	5.3	7.2	8.6
September	10.0	9.7	6.3	10.0	6.1	8.5	9.2
December	10.1	9.0	5.7	8.8	6.5	10.2	8.9
1939—March	10.6	10.8	6.1	9.3	7.3	7.6	9.6
June	10.6	10.4	5.7	9.5	6.2	9.4	9.5
September	11.6	11.2	5.8	9.4	8.2	8.3	10.2
December	11.1	9.0	5.8	9.1	6.6	7.1	9.3
1940—March	9.7	6.5	5.8	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.9
June .. (c) ..	15.9	6.6	6.8	8.3	5.6	5.0	10.5
September	9.8	5.9	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.6	7.4
December	8.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.2
1941—March	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
June	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
September	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
December	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—March	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
June	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
September	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
December	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.8	0.8	1.3
1943—March	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) See notes to table on page 48. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) Coal-mining employees out of work owing to the industrial dispute were excluded from the tabulation, but persons in other industries indirectly unemployed owing to the dispute were included.

Unemployment (a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1929.	1932.	1942.				1943.
	March Qtr.	June Qtr. (b)	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
			%	%	%	%	%
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	6.5	39.6	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c. ..	11.2	33.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.6
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. ..	5.5	19.3	3.5	3.8	4.3	3.8	3.4
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c. ..	9.8	22.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.9
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	2.6	16.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	13.8	43.0	2.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.9
VII. Building ..	10.6	42.1	3.5	3.5	2.3	1.9	1.5
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. ..	13.2	34.2	4.0	4.4	3.6	3.5	3.6
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services ..	7.6	29.6	2.2	2.6	2.3	2.3	1.6
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV. (c) Other and Miscellaneous ..	7.3	22.2	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2
All Groups	9.3	30.0	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.2

(a) See notes to table on page 48. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) For classification see p. 53.

AUSTRALIA.—Employment of Wage and Salary Earners.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment. ^(a) (Excluding Rural and Household Domestic.)			Pay-roll Tax Returns ^(b) :—Employees recorded on last pay-roll of month by—						
	Govt. (Common- wealth, State, and Local).	Private Em- ployers.	Total.	All Em- ployers Fur- nishing Re- turns.	Employers whose principal activity was—					
					Mining and Quarry- ing.	Work- shop and Fact- ory.	Build- ing and Con- struc- tion.	Trans- port.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Fin- ance.
MALES (Thousands).										
1933—June	262.2	723.8	986.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1939—July	349.8	956.2	1,306.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941—July	375.3	1,009.8	1,385.1	1,189.9	46.6	474.4	50.8	164.8	81.1	128.8
Nov.	381.3	1,014.9	1,396.2	1,205.8	46.1	482.9	47.6	173.1	81.1	129.5
1942—Jan.	385.0	979.9	1,364.9	1,167.2	43.6	463.5	47.5	175.4	76.1	122.9
Feb.	387.6	968.1	1,355.7	1,157.4	43.2	466.4	49.8	173.5	73.9	120.1
March	392.1	957.1	1,349.2	1,158.0	42.8	466.9	50.1	177.2	71.6	118.0
June	409.8	910.9	1,320.7	1,121.5	40.8	458.7	46.9	175.6	64.7	110.4
July	408.9	899.9	1,308.8	1,110.6	40.4	457.4	41.9	175.9	63.3	107.5
Aug.	406.8	893.2	1,300.0	1,104.3	40.0	457.1	40.0	176.6	62.3	104.4
Sept.	408.4	887.8	1,296.2	1,098.8	39.5	457.1	38.0	176.2	61.2	105.5
Oct.	408.4	882.5	1,290.9	1,093.9	39.5	456.6	37.3	176.4	60.1	104.8
Nov.	407.6	880.6	1,288.2	1,090.2	39.0	456.5	36.8	176.0	59.9	104.1
Dec.	404.8	879.0	1,283.8	1,082.4	38.3	453.7	36.5	176.1	61.6	103.3
1943—Jan.	406.9	877.9	1,284.8	1,080.8	38.4	455.8	37.2	176.4	59.6	102.7
Feb.	406.5	878.2	1,284.7	1,082.9	37.8	457.1	38.7	176.7	58.8	102.5
March	405.8	877.6	1,283.4	1,082.2	37.6	458.2	39.3	176.5	58.3	100.9
FEMALES (Thousands).										
1933—June	46.5	278.2	324.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1939—July	55.2	365.3	420.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941—July	70.8	444.4	515.2	398.0	0.4	180.1	1.2	7.2	76.6	46.7
Nov.	76.3	461.1	537.4	419.2	0.4	188.9	1.3	7.9	81.4	50.0
1942—Jan.	81.0	460.9	541.9	415.8	0.5	184.9	1.3	8.4	79.4	51.6
Feb.	83.8	468.7	552.5	423.1	0.5	189.7	1.3	8.6	80.4	52.3
March	88.4	470.3	558.7	427.0	0.5	191.5	1.4	9.0	80.0	52.9
June	96.4	467.2	563.6	425.1	0.5	189.0	1.4	9.7	78.4	54.1
July	98.0	467.4	565.4	426.4	0.5	190.2	1.4	10.1	77.8	54.9
Aug.	100.9	467.2	568.1	425.9	0.5	189.8	1.4	10.3	76.7	55.0
Sept.	103.7	465.2	568.9	424.3	0.5	189.8	1.5	10.5	75.9	55.4
Oct.	106.4	468.1	574.5	428.4	0.5	191.9	1.5	10.9	76.0	55.4
Nov.	108.3	471.5	579.8	431.4	0.5	193.2	1.5	11.4	77.1	55.3
Dec.	111.3	472.1	583.4	433.1	0.5	193.2	1.5	11.8	78.3	55.1
1943—Jan.	113.3	469.3	582.6	430.9	0.5	194.0	1.5	12.3	74.9	55.4
Feb.	115.9	472.8	588.7	434.7	0.5	197.1	1.6	12.5	74.3	55.5
March	118.7	476.5	595.2	438.6	0.5	200.1	1.6	12.7	74.1	55.1
PERSONS (Thousands).										
1933—June	308.7	1,002.0	1,310.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1939—July	405.0	1,321.5	1,726.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941—July	446.1	1,454.2	1,900.3	1,587.9	47.0	654.5	52.0	172.0	157.7	175.5
Nov.	457.6	1,476.0	1,933.6	1,625.0	46.5	671.8	48.9	181.0	162.5	179.5
1942—Jan.	466.0	1,440.8	1,906.8	1,583.0	44.1	653.4	48.8	183.8	155.5	174.5
Feb.	471.4	1,436.8	1,908.2	1,580.5	43.7	656.1	51.1	182.1	154.3	172.4
March	480.5	1,427.4	1,907.9	1,585.0	43.3	658.4	51.5	186.2	151.6	170.9
June	506.2	1,378.1	1,884.3	1,546.6	41.3	647.7	48.3	185.3	143.1	164.5
July	506.9	1,367.3	1,874.2	1,537.0	40.9	647.6	48.3	186.0	140.6	162.0
Aug.	507.7	1,360.4	1,868.1	1,530.2	40.5	646.9	41.4	186.9	139.0	159.4
Sept.	512.1	1,353.0	1,865.1	1,523.1	40.0	646.9	39.5	186.7	137.1	160.9
Oct.	514.8	1,350.6	1,865.4	1,522.3	40.0	648.5	38.8	187.3	136.1	160.2
Nov.	515.9	1,352.1	1,863.0	1,521.6	39.5	649.7	38.3	187.4	137.0	159.4
Dec.	516.1	1,351.1	1,867.2	1,515.5	38.8	646.9	38.0	187.9	139.9	158.4
1943—Jan.	520.2	1,347.2	1,867.4	1,511.7	38.9	649.8	38.7	188.7	134.5	158.1
Feb.	522.4	1,351.0	1,872.4	1,517.6	38.3	654.2	40.3	189.2	133.1	158.0
March	524.5	1,354.1	1,878.6	1,520.8	38.1	658.3	40.9	189.2	132.4	156.0

(a) Estimated number of wage and salary earners in employment defined as "persons occupied as wage and salary earners" as distinct from "equivalent of full-time employment". Employees absent in the defence forces, at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. (b) The numbers here shown are the total employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of employers who are taxable. Employees of State, semi-Government, and Local Government authorities are included under "All Employers Furnishing Returns", and in the appropriate industry column when separate returns are supplied, e.g., Railway Commissioners in four of the States. These industry totals are useful only as indicating trend.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands excluding Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				Index 1928-29=100.	
							Governmental (Munitions, Aircraft and Ships). (a)	Other Factories (including War Contractors).	Total Factories.	Unadjusted.		
1928-29	..	174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.9	432.0	100	100
1934-35	..	168.3	161.3	40.8	32.2	16.9	10.0	5.2	424.3	429.5	99	93
1935-36	..	186.0	175.3	43.1	37.2	19.9	11.0	6.1	466.4	472.5	109	103
1936-37	..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	6.6	492.6	499.2	116	108
1937-38	..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	7.4	528.5	535.9	124	115
1938-39	..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	126	116
1939-40	..	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	16.9	547.0	563.9	131	119
1940-41	..	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	41.5	586.4	627.9	145	131
1941-42(b)	..	289.3	248.0	59.5	63.5	23.0	16.7	79.8	620.2	700.0	162	145
1942—												
March		294.0	250.5	59.0	66.9	23.4	17.4	90.8	620.4	711.2	165	146
September(c)		297.3	246.8	61.5	68.9	23.9	16.8	113.1	602.1	715.2	166	147
December(c)		301.4	249.5	57.7	68.3	24.8	17.3	121.0	598.0	719.0	166	147
1943—(c)												
January	..	303.5	250.2	58.2	69.3	25.3	17.5	124.9	599.1	724.0	168	149
February	..	304.7	251.5	59.9	69.7	25.6	17.7	127.4	601.7	729.1	169	150
March	..	307.6	253.5	60.6	70.1	25.8	18.3	130.2	605.7	735.9	170	150

(a) Includes Government establishments, annexes, and certain private firms engaged in aircraft and shipbuilding, but excludes most private factories engaged on war contracts. (b) Preliminary final figures.

(c) From July, 1942, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

PAY-ROLL TAX.—Employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).	
							Index.	Number.

MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	31,868	23,782	10,701	7,278	4,746	2,529	..	80,904
1941—July	..	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	80,904
1942—March	..	895	872	904	876	840	875	884
December	..	773	736	776	783	726	792	761
1943—January	..	732	720	757	763	720	781	736
February	..	721	712	745	756	716	769	726
March	..	709	716	733	751	703	762	720

FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	31,840	22,088	8,533	7,184	4,832	2,067	..	76,544
1941—July	..	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	76,544
1942—March	..	1038	1045	1001	1091	1082	1074	1045
December	..	1032	975	1094	1019	1043	1057	1022
1943—January	..	989	937	1025	973	1008	1021	978
February	..	972	941	1017	960	1003	1012	970
March	..	969	945	1008	961	986	991	967

PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	63,708	45,870	19,234	14,462	9,578	4,596	..	157,448
1941—July	..	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	157,448
1942—March	..	967	956	947	983	962	965	962
December	..	902	851	917	900	886	912	888
1943—January	..	860	824	876	867	865	889	854
February	..	847	822	866	857	861	878	845
March	..	839	826	855	855	846	865	840

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

Period.	Num- ber.	Estab- lish- ments In- volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
			Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly.	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1942 ..	552	573	148,203	2,892	151,095	304,124	16,011	320,135	401,613
1941—Dec. Qtr.	149	151	37,355	860	38,215	116,983	40,381	157,364	184,672
1942—March ..	114	115	27,734	1,011	28,745	45,949	5,070	51,019	64,437
June ..	168	186	46,645	939	47,584	112,928	..	112,928	129,477
Sept. ..	119	119	34,171	394	34,565	68,315	10,241	78,556	105,485
Dec. ..	151	153	39,653	548	40,201	76,932	700	77,632	102,214
VICTORIA.									
Year—1942 ..	20	26	11,979	140	12,119	34,384	1,274	35,658	31,009
1941—Dec. Qtr.	5	57	2,236	11	2,247	6,747	..	6,747	8,001
1942—March ..	5	5	484	..	484	3,046	..	3,046	3,493
June ..	4	6	1,603	..	1,603	13,673	..	13,673	8,948
Sept. ..	4	4	540	140	680	4,940	..	4,940	4,943
Dec. ..	7	11	9,352	..	9,352	12,725	1,274	13,999	13,625
QUEENSLAND.									
Year—1942 ..	6	6	370	52	422	2,702	..	2,702	2,145
1941—Dec. Qtr.	4	5	308	28	336	638	..	638	430
1942—March ..	2	2	133	..	133	995	..	995	715
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sept. ..	3	3	208	52	260	1,620	..	1,620	1,322
Dec. ..	1	1	29	..	29	87	..	87	108
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1942 ..	13	52	3,617	..	3,617	10,494	..	10,494	11,056
1941—Dec. Qtr.	2	8	990	..	990	4,090	920	5,010	5,613
1942—March ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June ..	6	45	1,685	..	1,685	5,721	..	5,721	5,860
Sept. ..	2	2	847	..	847	598	..	598	601
Dec. ..	5	5	1,085	..	1,085	4,175	..	4,175	4,595
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1942 ..	8	85	1,797	12	1,809	8,855	..	8,855	9,872
1941—Dec. Qtr.	2	6	273	..	273	306	..	306	383
1942—March ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June ..	3	3	991	12	1,008	5,441	..	5,441	5,892
Sept. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. ..	5	82	..	..	806	3,414	..	3,414	3,980
TASMANIA.									
Year—1942 ..	2	2	51	..	51	51	..	51	45
1941—Dec. Qtr.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1942—March ..	1	1	34	..	34	34	..	34	29
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sept. ..	1	1	17	..	17	17	..	17	16
Dec. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1942 (b) ..	602	745	166,167	3,096	169,265	360,910	17,285	378,195	456,090
1941—Dec. (a) Qtr.	163	228	41,362	899	42,261	120,364	41,301	170,665	199,924
1942—March (b) ..	123	124	28,535	1,011	29,546	50,324	5,070	55,394	69,024
June ..	181	240	50,924	951	51,875	137,763	..	137,763	150,177
Sept. ..	129	129	35,783	586	36,369	75,490	10,241	85,731	112,367
Dec. ..	189	252	50,925	548	51,473	97,333	1,974	99,307	124,522

(a) Includes one dispute in the Northern Territory—200 workpeople; working days lost, 600; estimated loss in wages, £825. (b) Includes one dispute in the Northern Territory—150 workpeople; working days lost, 300; estimated loss in wages, £850.

Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1942.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	122/1	119/6	114/6	115/1	114/9	112/1	118/2
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/9 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	120/7	118/7	116/10	115/1	122/9	116/7	118/11
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.46	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/9	2/8 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/7 $\frac{3}{4}$	2/7	2/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{3}{4}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	117/10	114/6	109/6	111/7	115/1	106/6	114/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.04	43.36	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.89
	Hourly Wage	2/8 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/5	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	115/3	116/7	121/7	121/7	116/2	112/6	116/10
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{3}{4}$	2/9 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{3}{4}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	134/0	131/4	122/3	127/1	142/9	125/6	131/4
	Working Hours	43.49	42.41	43.20	43.56	42.72	43.35	43.05
	Hourly Wage	3/1	3/1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/10	2/11	3/4	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/0 $\frac{1}{2}$
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	118/4	116/1	111/0	114/5	116/1	113/9	116/4
	Working Hours	43.96	43.90	43.97	43.79	44.00	43.91	43.92
	Hourly Wage	2/8 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/7 $\frac{3}{4}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{3}{4}$	2/7	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	130/0	131/8	117/2	119/0	123/9	120/0	127/3
	Working Hours	43.66	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	2/11 $\frac{1}{4}$	3/0	2/11 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/11 $\frac{1}{4}$
VIII. Mining (e)	Weekly Wage	125/6	117/11	126/6	94/0	133/7b	112/5	123/9
	Working Hours	40.61	40.67	41.87	43.79	40.54	41.69	40.98
	Hourly Wage	3/1	2/10 $\frac{1}{4}$	3/0 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{4}$	3/0 $\frac{1}{2}$
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	119/11	121/10	115/2	114/6	115/8	110/9	118/9
	Working Hours	43.81	43.85	44.00	44.00	43.76	44.00	43.87
	Hourly Wage	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/9 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	112/6	110/5	105/3	106/8	114/2	103/9	110/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/5	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage d	120/5	119/6	118/5	119/8	119/1	119/11	119/9
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage e	117/3	111/3	102/10	115/1	108/1	103/7	111/8
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage e	109/0	111/2	100/1	102/8	104/11	101/0	107/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.09
	Hourly Wage e	2/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6	2/3 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/4	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/5 $\frac{1}{2}$
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	112/3	114/0	105/5	106/8	111/3	103/7	111/1
	Working Hours	44.00	44.67	44.00	44.65	44.00	43.93	44.26
	Hourly Wage	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	118/3	116/7	110/2	112/3	117/7	108/2	115/8
All Groups except XI and XII.(a)	Weekly Wage	118/5	117/8	112/6	110/10	119/5	109/7	116/6
	Working Hours	43.52	43.94	43.32	44.25	43.11	43.51	43.65
	Hourly Wage	2/8 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/6	2/9 $\frac{1}{4}$	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/8

(a) Weighted average. (b) Excluding District allowances in the gold-mining industry.
 (c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.
 (d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied. (e) Including the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1942.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
III. Food, Drink, &c. . .	Weekly Wage	59/4	61/7	58/6	55/0	52/9	63/3	59/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/4 $\frac{1}{4}$	1/4 $\frac{1}{4}$	1/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/3	1/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/4 $\frac{1}{4}$
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c. . .	Weekly Wage	63/6	63/9	65/11	65/11	61/4	63/4	63/11
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/6	1/6	1/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing . . .	Weekly Wage	61/6	68/7	58/9	60/5	..	57/6	64/7
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	..	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/4	1/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	1/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c. . .	Weekly Wage b	61/5	68/8	62/1	53/0	67/5	57/4	63/4
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage b	1/5	1/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/5	1/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c. . .	Weekly Wage	69/3	64/10	75/5	55/8	..	..	67/1
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	1/6 $\frac{1}{2}$
All Groups (a) . . .	Weekly Wage	63/10	64/11	66/4	60/3	64/2	61/3	64/4
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/6	1/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/5 $\frac{1}{2}$

(a) Weighted average. (b) Including the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 31st December, 1942.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" 1938	95 0	91 2	95 10	87 1	99 1	88 5	93 5
" 1939	96 7	94 0	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" 1940	99 7	97 0	97 9	92 11	104 0	92 7	98 1
" 1941	105 4	104 5	101 9	100 3	110 2	99 3	104 3
31st March, 1942	109 7	106 11	103 8	102 1	110 10	102 6	107 2
30th June, 1942	111 3	109 4	106 2	103 5	110 11	104 1	109 0
30th September, 1942	114 0	112 6	108 6	105 8	114 9	106 9	111 10
31st December, 1942	118 3	116 7	110 2	112 3	117 7	108 2	115 8
ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—518. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" 1938	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823
" 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" 1940	1,943	1,892	1,908	1,812	2,029	1,807	1,913
" 1941	2,056	2,037	1,985	1,957	2,149	1,937	2,034
31st March, 1942	2,138	2,086	2,023	1,992	2,162	2,001	2,091
30th June, 1942	2,171	2,133	2,072	2,018	2,164	2,031	2,127
30th September, 1942	2,224	2,194	2,117	2,061	2,239	2,084	2,182
31st December, 1942	2,308	2,275	2,150	2,189	2,294	2,111	2,257

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" 1938	51 10	50 7	53 6	47 9	54 4	49 8	51 4
" 1939	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
" 1940	54 9	53 5	56 0	52 1	57 6	53 1	54 3
" 1941	57 11	58 4	59 6	55 5	60 4	56 7	58 2
31st March, 1942	59 7	59 10	60 8	56 8	60 4	57 11	59 2
30th June, 1942	60 10	61 2	62 3	57 5	60 4	58 10	60 10
30th September, 1942	61 7	62 2	62 8	57 7	62 7	59 10	61 7
31st December, 1942	63 10	64 11	66 4	60 3	64 2	61 3	64 4

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" 1938	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758	2,000	1,828	1,887
" 1939	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" 1940	2,016	1,966	2,060	1,916	2,116	1,954	1,996
" 1941	2,133	2,148	2,191	2,038	2,220	2,082	2,141
31st March, 1942	2,194	2,201	2,233	2,085	2,220	2,130	2,178
30th June, 1942	2,238	2,252	2,290	2,114	2,220	2,166	2,238
30th September, 1942	2,266	2,287	2,305	2,121	2,303	2,202	2,268
31st December, 1942	2,350	2,391	2,442	2,216	2,361	2,255	2,368

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
New South Wales ..	£ s. d. (a) 4 18 0	£ s. d. (a) 2 13 0	1.2.43	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(£ 18 0)	(2 13 0)	(1.2.43)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 4 15 0	2 12 6	21.4.43	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	4 14 0	2 6 2	15.10.42	" " "
Western Australia(e) ..	4 18 9	2 13 4	1.3.43	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania(c) ..	(4 14 0)	(2 11 0)	(1.2.43)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £4 19s. 0d.; Females, £2 13s. 6d.; Elsewhere—Males, £4 15s. 0d.; Females, £2 11s. 6d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 23.7.41 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State exclusive of the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 5s. 7d.; Females, £2 17s. 0d; and from 1.3.43 for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £4 18s. 1d.; Females, £2 13s. 0d.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.(a)

Capital.	1st May, 1942.	1st August, 1942.	1st November, 1942.	1st February, 1943.	1st May, 1943.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	93 0	95 0	97 0	98 0	98 0
Melbourne ..	92 0	94 0	97 0	98 0	98 0
Brisbane ..	88 0	89 0	91 0	91 0	92 0
Adelaide ..	88 0	91 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Perth ..	87 0	89 0	91 0	92 0	92 0
Hobart ..	88 0	91 0	92 0	94 0	94 0
Weighted Average— Six Capitals ..	90 0	93 0	95 0	96 0	96 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) "Court" Series Index-numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes "prosperity loadings" granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filed.

State.	1937.		1938.		1939.		1940.		1941.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.								
New South Wales ..	63	42	64	38	64	17	70	22	65	49
Victoria ..	121	..	99	..	173	..	170	..	262	..
Queensland ..	46	42	38	38	50	25	34	45	45	14
South Australia ..	42	16	6	4	18	7	53	7	167	8
Western Australia ..	35	32	28	31	20	25	31	21	22	19
Tasmania ..	43	..	26	..	18	..	18	..	28	..
Commonwealth Court ..	38	11	31	13	31	21	25	13	7	3
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	3	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	5	..
Total	391	143	295	124	375	95	402	108	601	93

Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 59.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.(a)—Capital Cities.

(“B” Series.)

(*Base in each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.*)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1911.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1942.				1943.
							March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	

GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney ..	553	904	936	952	962	1,040	1,005	1,034	1,061	1,060	1,050
Melbourne ..	523	884	942	947	943	1,042	989	1,036	1,074	1,069	1,055
Brisbane ..	569	838	864	889	911	972	969	958	985	977	983
Adelaide ..	570	861	897	900	905	1,012	956	1,014	1,049	1,027	1,000
Perth ..	753	899	938	949	981	1,029	992	1,028	1,049	1,048	1,050
Hobart ..	592	880	923	944	970	1,047	1,009	1,036	1,059	1,082	1,051
Weighted Average ..	559	886	927	939	947	1,031	991	1,025	1,055	1,051	1,040

GROUP IV.—HOUSING (b)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney ..	701	1,004	1,035	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,045	1,043	1,042	1,042	1,042
Melbourne ..	569	935	955	969	975	975	975	975	974	974	974
Brisbane ..	373	841	854	857	860	862	861	862	862	862	862
Adelaide ..	706	868	888	892	893	893	892	893	893	893	893
Perth ..	524	872	881	882	883	885	884	885	885	885	885
Hobart ..	452	913	925	933	933	933	933	933	932	932	932
Weighted Average ..	612	942	965	973	976	976	977	976	976	976	975

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney ..	606	941	972	985	992	1,039	1,018	1,035	1,051	1,051	1,045
Melbourne ..	539	902	945	953	953	1,014	982	1,010	1,032	1,030	1,021
Brisbane ..	500	838	858	875	889	927	925	918	935	930	934
Adelaide ..	618	862	891	895	899	963	929	964	986	973	956
Perth ..	672	887	914	921	941	971	948	970	982	982	983
Hobart ..	542	891	922	938	953	1,000	977	994	1,007	1,021	1,003
Weighted Average ..	578	906	939	950	956	1,007	983	1,003	1,022	1,019	1,012

(a) As the price index-number increases, the purchasing power of money diminishes. (b) See note (a) on page 59.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms).
 ("B" Series.)

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1911.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1942.				1943.
							March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	606	941	972	985	992	1,039	1,018	1,035	1,051	1,051	1,045
Newcastle	898	934	950	959	1,005	987	1,007	1,014	1,013	1,003
Broken Hill	948	970	953	991	1,052	1,020	1,060	1,064	1,062	1,038
Goulburn	908	942	950	957	1,009	990	1,008	1,017	1,021	1,007
Bathurst	867	900	908	910	957	937	959	966	965	954
Weighted Average(a)	937	969	980	988	1,036	1,015	1,033	1,047	1,047	1,040
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	539	902	945	953	953	1,014	982	1,010	1,032	1,030	1,021
Ballarat	808	849	843	841	894	867	887	913	909	903
Bendigo	817	851	864	868	920	903	916	931	929	921
Geelong	872	917	915	912	956	933	952	971	968	959
Warrnambool	898	940	944	941	984	966	976	992	1,000	996
Weighted Average(a)	895	938	946	946	1,005	974	1,001	1,023	1,021	1,012
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	500	838	858	875	889	927	925	918	935	930
Toowoomba	806	830	849	857	913	909	912	919	910	923
Rockhampton	825	843	854	863	901	907	900	898	900	901
Townsville	900	920	925	933	974	963	977	979	978	974
Bundaberg	781	804	817	835	878	874	878	879	880	889
Weighted Average(a)	837	858	873	886	926	923	919	932	928	932
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	618	862	891	895	899	963	929	964	986	973
Kadina, &c.	702	743	739	738	789	759	787	807	803	782
Port Pirie	838	882	877	889	943	920	938	958	955	934
Mount Gambier	801	838	828	832	879	856	872	891	898	876
Peterborough	836	890	895	893	936	912	934	951	948	928
Weighted Average(a)	855	885	888	892	955	922	956	977	965	948
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	672	887	914	921	941	971	948	970	982	982
Kalgoorlie, &c.	1,152	1,178	1,184	1,211	1,160	1,175	1,170	1,157	1,138	1,121
Northam	911	936	946	980	1,005	991	1,009	1,010	1,011	1,001
Bunbury	945	979	979	996	1,011	1,002	1,013	1,015	1,014	1,012
Geraldton	974	990	995	1,024	1,048	1,035	1,048	1,057	1,052	1,044
Weighted Average(a)	909	936	943	964	988	968	988	998	996	995
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	542	891	922	938	953	1,000	977	994	1,007	1,021
Launceston	867	887	901	913	948	930	947	951	962	948
Burnie	881	898	914	937	973	948	964	986	993	986
Devonport	846	865	882	898	928	910	926	934	943	935
Queenstown	900	933	942	947	970	951	963	980	987	997
Weighted Average(a)	882	908	923	937	978	957	974	984	997	982
Weighted Average for 30 towns	902	935	945	952	1,001	978	998	1,015	1,013	1,006
Weighted Average 6 Capital Cities	578	906	939	950	956	1,007	983	1,003	1,022	1,019
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) (c)	1,043	1,026	1,028	1,028	1,078	1,055	1,070	1,093	1,095	1,078
Warwick (Q.) (c)	732	783	799	817	856	849	855	863	857	864

(a) Weighted Average for the five towns. (b) New series from 1938. The drop in 1938 was due to revision of sample of houses used for the calculation of average rentals in order to make it more comparable that of the capital cities and other large towns throughout Australia. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090. (c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1914.	1942.			1943.			Percentage increase from July, 1914, to Mar., 1943.
		July.			Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—								
Sydney	645	987	1,006	1,021	1,039	1,043	1,068	65.6
Newcastle	642	1,031	1,049	1,057	1,055	1,071	1,087	69.3
Broken Hill	821	1,167	1,178	1,216	1,220	1,225	1,231	49.9
Goulburn	661	1,047	1,057	1,086	1,078	1,085	1,108	67.6
Bathurst	613	981	1,001	1,021	1,016	1,022	1,047	70.8
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	652	994	1,013	1,028	1,044	1,049	1,073	64.6
VICTORIA—								
Melbourne	619	970	990	1,008	1,039	1,054	1,071	73.0
Ballarat	617	963	975	980	1,014	1,027	1,053	70.7
Bendigo	619	1,000	1,008	1,022	1,027	1,036	1,053	70.1
Geelong	609	954	962	974	992	1,005	1,023	68.0
Warrnambool	608	975	986	995	1,027	1,041	1,052	73.0
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	618	970	989	1,006	1,036	1,051	1,068	72.8
QUEENSLAND—								
Brisbane	591	960	971	976	979	975	996	68.5
Toowoomba	582	912	965	960	956	967	978	68.0
Rockhampton	646	993	1,003	1,011	981	976	1,011	56.5
Townsville .. .. .. ..	..	1,026	1,025	1,037	1,050	1,043	1,050	..
Bundaberg .. .. .. ..	..	1,004	1,015	1,034	1,031	1,029	1,050	..
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	605	965	978	983	984	980	1,001	65.5
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—								
Adelaide	699	936	954	978	998	993	1,010	44.5
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	688	990	997	1,027	1,036	1,036	1,052	52.9
Port Pirie	722	1,051	1,055	1,064	1,073	1,078	1,086	50.4
Mount Gambier	595	947	947	957	980	975	992	66.7
Peterborough	749	993	1,015	1,031	1,037	1,042	1,052	40.5
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	697	942	959	983	1,002	998	1,014	45.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—								
Perth and Fremantle	749	982	992	1,002	1,046	1,047	1,057	41.1
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	931	1,146	1,145	1,159	1,176	1,180	1,181	26.9
Northam .. .. .. ..	..	1,040	1,056	1,067	1,061	1,073	1,078	..
Bunbury	793	1,000	1,006	1,018	1,038	1,044	1,047	32.0
Geraldton	808	1,008	1,019	1,024	1,037	1,040	1,041	28.8
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	790	996	1,005	1,015	1,056	1,057	1,065	34.8
TASMANIA—								
Hobart	678	1,002	1,011	1,013	1,049	1,043	1,062	56.6
Launceston	640	974	975	985	1,007	1,006	1,014	58.4
Burnie .. .. .. ..	..	1,004	1,015	1,022	1,072	1,070	1,089	..
Devonport .. .. .. ..	..	993	1,006	1,013	1,047	1,042	1,042	..
Queenstown	735	1,048	1,045	1,055	1,105	1,129	1,137	54.7
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	672	995	1,001	1,006	1,038	1,035	1,050	56.3
Weighted Average for 30 Towns	651	979	996	1,010	1,031	1,037	1,057	62.4
Weighted Average, 6 Capital Cities	645	974	991	1,007	1,030	1,035	1,055	63.6
(a) Lithgow (N.) .. .. .. ..	..	1,029	1,047	1,056	1,050	1,058	1,087	..
(a) Yallourn (V.) .. .. .. ..	..	1,001	1,002	1,007	1,028	1,047	1,059	..
(a) Warwick (Q.)	605	929	954	968	989	949	969	60.2
(a) Port Augusta (S.A.) .. .. .. ..	..	1,060	1,066	1,074	1,067	1,059	1,075	..
(a) Rosebery (T.) .. .. .. ..	..	1,100	1,101	1,111	1,163	1,153	1,161	..
(a) Canberra (A.C.T.) .. .. .. ..	..	1,086	1,103	1,120	1,136	1,134	1,155	..

(a) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE "ALL ITEMS" INDEX.

(“C” Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms) (a), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1942.				1943.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
											Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	889	913	936	974	1,028	1,107	1,070	1,096	1,122	1,138	1,141
Newcastle ..	849	877	901	945	997	1,069	1,037	1,060	1,079	1,098	1,101
Bronx Hill ..	893	940	955	981	1,049	1,132	1,092	1,132	1,144	1,159	1,148
Goulburn ..	867	893	916	949	1,005	1,087	1,048	1,078	1,103	1,118	1,116
Bathurst ..	842	860	883	923	974	1,050	1,017	1,043	1,060	1,080	1,080
Weighted Average(b)	886	911	933	972	1,026	1,104	1,068	1,094	1,118	1,135	1,137
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	868	896	924	964	1,008	1,100	1,056	1,089	1,118	1,136	1,136
Ballarat ..	839	850	874	906	950	1,037	996	1,026	1,054	1,070	1,074
Bendigo ..	840	854	875	920	963	1,054	1,017	1,046	1,069	1,082	1,088
Geelong ..	855	884	911	941	984	1,065	1,025	1,052	1,083	1,098	1,099
Warrnambool ..	856	892	918	954	998	1,078	1,038	1,066	1,093	1,116	1,121
Weighted Average(b)	866	893	920	960	1,004	1,095	1,052	1,085	1,113	1,130	1,131
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	837	852	870	908	963	1,033	1,011	1,020	1,044	1,055	1,063
Toowoomba ..	840	843	858	898	951	1,033	1,008	1,026	1,043	1,056	1,068
Rockhampton ..	840	853	867	905	959	1,032	1,017	1,023	1,035	1,052	1,059
Townsville ..	883	902	918	950	1,004	1,075	1,050	1,069	1,081	1,098	1,103
Bundaberg ..	809	831	847	879	938	1,015	993	1,007	1,021	1,038	1,047
Weighted Average(b)	840	854	871	909	964	1,035	1,013	1,023	1,045	1,057	1,066
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	859	888	906	936	988	1,075	1,034	1,071	1,093	1,100	1,093
Kadina, &c. ..	769	786	810	833	882	962	928	956	977	988	983
Port Pirie ..	844	868	896	919	976	1,057	1,021	1,050	1,072	1,086	1,079
Mount Gambier ..	830	849	872	894	946	1,024	987	1,013	1,034	1,063	1,051
Peterborough ..	851	868	897	924	974	1,053	1,013	1,048	1,067	1,082	1,078
Weighted Average(b)	855	883	902	931	983	1,069	1,020	1,065	1,087	1,095	1,088
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	869	882	901	932	993	1,061	1,021	1,054	1,077	1,090	1,092
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,030	1,048	1,066	1,099	1,165	1,175	1,167	1,174	1,178	1,182	1,178
Northam ..	890	900	915	947	1,017	1,079	1,049	1,074	1,089	1,103	1,098
Bunbury ..	897	914	936	962	1,018	1,065	1,041	1,057	1,074	1,088	1,091
Geraldton ..	970	957	965	990	1,055	1,114	1,086	1,106	1,126	1,138	1,138
Weighted Average(b)	884	897	915	946	1,008	1,070	1,034	1,064	1,085	1,097	1,099
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	875	887	908	945	1,001	1,078	1,042	1,068	1,089	1,113	1,108
Launceston ..	856	872	888	926	974	1,040	1,005	1,031	1,050	1,072	1,069
Burnie ..	854	865	879	917	971	1,035	998	1,024	1,048	1,068	1,073
Devonport ..	833	848	861	896	951	1,012	979	1,005	1,019	1,044	1,048
Queenstown ..	857	875	903	936	987	1,045	1,014	1,032	1,057	1,077	1,086
Weighted Average(b)	866	879	898	936	989	1,060	1,025	1,051	1,071	1,094	1,091
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	871	894	917	954	1,006	1,087	1,050	1,077	1,102	1,117	1,119
Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities ..	873	897	920	957	1,008	1,091	1,053	1,081	1,106	1,122	1,123
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	779	800	834	867	926	1,007	981	1,000	1,017	1,029	1,040
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	845	863	888	915	980	1,052	1,020	1,045	1,065	1,079	1,073
Canberra (c) ..	..	..	956	988	1,040	1,121	1,080	1,109	1,137	1,158	1,158

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns.

(b) Five Towns.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1943; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1943.

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.84	5.84	5.84	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	4.95	4.95	4.79	4.79	4.79	5.29	5.29	5.29	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.36	8.57	8.57	9.07	9.07	9.07	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.30	9.30	9.30
Tea ..	lb.	41.00	41.00	41.00	40.79	41.43	41.14	42.50	41.93	41.93	41.50	41.38	41.38	41.20	41.20	41.20
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.50	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago(a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	12.25	12.44	12.45	12.57	12.64	12.93	11.64	11.86	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.90	13.00	13.20
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.90	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.14	8.14	9.50	9.58	10.00	8.33	8.33	8.33	7.90	7.90	7.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.58	3.58	3.58	3.79	3.79	3.80	4.42	4.42	4.42	3.88	3.88	3.88	4.15	4.15	4.15
Raisins, seeded(a) ..	"	11.71	11.71	11.71	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.21	12.21	12.21	11.63	11.63	11.63	12.17	12.17	12.00
Currants ..	"	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.60	10.60	10.60	11.29	11.29	11.36	10.67	10.67	10.67	9.80	9.80	9.80
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Peaches, canned(a) ..	30 oz.	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.60	13.60	13.60	15.40	15.40	15.40	13.67	13.67	13.67	13.90	13.90	13.90
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	13.75	13.75	13.75	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.40	15.40	15.40	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.63	14.63	14.63
Salmon, in tins(a) ..	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	10.61	10.88	16.95	9.05	11.79	16.58	11.76	13.07	14.28	9.54	9.96	15.63	8.80	9.10	15.41
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.80	2.92	3.20	2.25	3.00	3.00	2.83	2.93	3.33	2.50	2.50	2.75	3.25	3.20	3.20
Soap ..	"	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.94	6.94	6.94	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.32	7.32	7.32
Kerosene ..	quart	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.59	6.59	6.36	7.46	7.67	7.74	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.08	7.08	7.10
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	20.50	20.50	20.50	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.70	20.70	20.70
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.40	17.40	17.40	15.79	15.93	15.93	18.36	18.36	18.36	16.88	16.88	16.88	17.60	17.60	17.60
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	23.90	27.30	27.35	24.00	27.43	27.43	26.00	26.57	29.64	24.00	27.75	27.75	24.00	27.40	27.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.90	20.95	20.95	21.36	21.36	21.36	21.64	21.64	21.79	21.50	21.50	21.75	20.00	20.50	20.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.10	9.10	9.35	9.50	9.58	9.75	10.43	10.43	10.50	10.30	10.38	10.75	10.20	10.20	10.40
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.80	12.70	12.80	13.57	13.57	13.71	15.00	15.00	15.00	13.20	13.20	13.40	10.20	10.20	10.60
" rib ..	"	9.20	9.10	9.25	10.07	10.14	9.64	12.57	12.57	12.57	10.60	10.60	10.80	8.40	8.40	8.40
" steak, rump ..	"	21.60	21.30	21.80	17.57	17.57	17.71	22.00	22.00	22.00	17.40	17.40	17.80	15.40	15.40	15.60
" chuck ..	"	9.20	9.05	9.15	9.57	9.57	9.57	13.14	13.14	13.14	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.40	8.40	8.60
" sausages ..	"	7.80	7.95	7.95	8.64	8.50	8.64	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.00	8.00	8.20
Beef (corned)silver ..	side	10.15	10.25	10.40	10.79	10.79	11.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	10.60	10.60	11.00	9.80	9.80	9.80
" brisket ..	"	7.75	7.70	7.75	8.86	8.86	9.14	13.00	13.00	13.00	9.40	9.40	9.60	8.40	8.40	8.20
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.70	7.80	7.90	10.00	10.00	10.07	9.43	9.43	9.29	9.60	9.60	8.40	8.40	8.60	8.60
" forequarter ..	"	4.33	4.50	4.58	5.14	5.21	5.21	6.64	6.64	6.50	6.40	6.40	6.00	5.20	4.90	4.90
" loin ..	"	9.45	9.35	9.70	9.93	9.93	9.93	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.20	10.20	8.60	8.60	8.80	8.80
" chops, loin ..	"	10.45	10.50	10.65	10.07	10.07	10.21	11.86	11.86	11.57	10.80	10.80	9.20	9.20	9.40	9.40
" leg ..	"	9.60	9.80	9.85	10.43	10.43	11.71	11.71	11.29	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.60	8.60	8.80	8.80
Pork, leg ..	"	17.80	16.90	17.20	18.00	17.86	17.71	14.14	14.14	14.29	13.20	15.00	15.60	14.40	14.40	15.00
" loin ..	"	17.80	17.50	17.95	18.00	17.86	17.71	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.80	15.80	16.20	14.40	14.40	15.00
" chops ..	"	18.20	17.70	18.10	18.00	17.86	17.71	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.40	14.40	14.40	15.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms ..	280.97	..	..	243.23	..	..	189.49	..	..	221.74	..	..	212.28	..	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1943; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1943.

Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.89	5.82	5.82	5.89	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.30	6.30	6.30
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.29	4.29	4.29	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.60	4.60	4.60
" self-raising ..	"	7.35	7.40	7.40	8.29	8.29	8.29	8.43	8.43	8.43	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
Tea ..	lb.	41.00	41.00	41.00	40.79	41.08	41.21	41.71	41.64	41.64	40.60	40.90	40.90	41.20	41.60	41.40
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.27	4.27	4.27	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.80	3.80	3.80
Sago (a) ..	"	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	10.05	10.55	10.70	10.50	10.79	11.07	10.36	10.79	10.93	10.30	10.70	10.90	10.60	11.40	11.40
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.79	7.86	7.86	7.64	7.64	7.64	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.80	7.80	7.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.33	3.31	3.28	3.68	3.64	3.64	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.35	3.35	3.35
Raisins, seeded (a) ..	"	11.89	11.78	11.78	11.75	12.17	12.38	12.38	12.38	12.38	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.13	12.10	12.10
Currants ..	"	10.00	9.88	9.88	10.00	10.00	9.92	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.80	9.80	10.00	10.00	10.10	10.10
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	12.67	12.63	12.63	12.00	12.50	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.75	12.75
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	13.56	13.56	13.56	13.00	13.00	13.43	13.80	13.80	13.80	12.75	12.75	12.75	13.30	13.30	13.30
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	7.83	10.09	18.59	8.64	11.17	13.18	7.80	10.12	13.40	8.01	10.88	13.68	7.84	10.57	13.20
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.63	2.57	2.63	2.43	2.64	2.75	2.71	2.64	2.57	2.70	2.25	2.58	3.30	3.00	3.00
Soap ..	"	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	7.20	7.59	7.54	7.49	7.13	7.31	7.31	7.72	7.72	7.72	7.72
Kerosene ..	quart	6.45	6.45	6.45	6.88	6.95	6.95	6.91	6.80	6.82	6.35	6.44	6.35	7.35	7.35	7.35
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.36	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.20	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	15.72	15.67	15.50	15.00	15.14	15.14	16.07	16.07	16.07	15.10	15.10	15.10	15.70	15.30	15.30
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.60	26.20	27.90	22.43	25.67	28.00	23.14	26.14	27.86	22.40	26.00	28.00	23.20	26.20	27.20
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	24.05	24.10	24.25	23.71	23.71	23.71	23.29	23.29	23.33	23.40	23.40	23.40	23.20	23.80	23.80
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.65	9.70	9.70	9.86	9.79	9.86	10.29	10.29	10.43	9.60	9.60	9.70	10.20	10.20	10.30
" fresh ..	quart	7.35	7.35	7.35	6.80	6.80	7.40	7.14	7.14	7.14	7.00	7.00	7.20	6.25	6.25	6.25
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.30	13.40	13.60	12.43	12.43	12.71	11.14	11.29	11.43	11.40	11.60	11.60	10.80	10.80	10.80
" rib ..	"	10.95	11.05	11.25	10.57	10.43	10.43	10.00	9.86	9.86	9.40	9.40	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60
" steak, rump ..	"	20.30	20.60	20.60	17.00	17.14	17.43	16.29	16.29	16.43	17.20	17.20	17.40	16.20	16.20	16.20
" chuck ..	"	9.60	9.50	9.55	8.29	8.29	8.29	9.00	9.00	9.14	8.50	8.50	8.70	9.00	9.00	9.00
" sausages ..	"	7.35	7.35	7.35	6.57	6.57	6.57	7.14	7.14	7.29	6.60	6.60	6.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.65	11.85	12.00	11.29	11.43	11.71	10.07	10.07	10.21	10.80	10.80	10.90	10.60	10.60	10.60
" brisket ..	"	8.75	8.80	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.20	8.93	8.97	9.07	8.20	8.20	8.25	8.40	8.40	8.40
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.10	9.20	9.35	8.50	8.64	8.98	8.57	8.57	8.71	7.90	7.90	9.00	9.10	9.50	9.50
" forequarter ..	"	5.40	5.40	5.30	5.07	5.21	5.71	5.50	5.50	5.79	4.30	4.40	4.80	6.40	6.50	6.50
" loin ..	"	8.30	8.25	8.35	6.71	6.86	7.00	7.21	7.25	7.67	8.30	8.30	8.30	9.00	9.00	9.00
" chops, loin ..	"	9.90	10.10	10.30	8.29	8.29	8.71	9.43	9.29	9.43	9.40	9.20	9.20	10.00	10.00	10.00
" chops, leg ..	"	10.65	10.85	10.75	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.29	9.29	9.29	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.80	9.80	9.80
Pork, leg ..	"	16.00	16.30	16.60	15.14	15.67	16.29	15.75	15.75	15.75	14.40	14.40	14.40	14.60	15.40	15.60
" loin ..	"	16.75	17.05	17.15	15.43	16.00	16.57	16.00	16.00	16.00	14.80	14.80	14.80	15.20	15.40	15.60
" chops ..	"	17.60	17.50	17.70	16.57	16.83	17.57	16.25	16.25	16.75	15.60	15.40	15.80	16.20	16.20	16.60
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms ..	262.71	..	..	178.35	..	..	186.75	..	..	239.91	..	..	234.94	..	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1943; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1943.

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	6.00	5.90	5.90	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.71	4.71	4.71	5.57	5.57	5.71	5.60	5.60	5.40	4.50	4.50	4.60
Tea, self-raising ..	"	8.36	8.45	8.55	9.21	9.14	9.21	9.71	9.71	9.71	9.30	9.30	9.10	9.70	9.90	9.90
Sugar ..	"	3.98	3.98	3.98	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.04	4.04	4.04	4.69	4.69	4.65	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	10.13	10.16	10.09	10.66	10.66	10.66	10.82	10.93	11.04	10.58	11.16	11.10	10.35	10.50	10.50
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.71	7.71	7.71	7.79	7.86	7.86	8.40	8.40	8.20	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.68	3.68	3.68	4.04	4.04	3.96	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.10	4.10	4.10
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.90	12.05	11.95	13.21	14.27	14.47	12.14	11.90	12.43	12.83	12.83	13.50	12.63	12.63	12.63
Currants ..	"	10.70	10.91	10.91	11.07	11.07	11.07	11.14	11.14	11.21	11.40	11.40	11.30	11.10	11.10	11.10
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	13.89	13.89	13.89	14.90	14.90	14.90	14.50	14.90	14.90	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.30	14.30	14.30
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	14.43	14.43	14.43	15.20	15.20	15.20	14.79	14.79	14.79	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	14.09	12.41	18.18	13.29	12.29	15.50	15.93	12.86	18.79	18.75	17.00	18.90	16.63	13.40	18.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	1.69	2.35	2.91	1.79	2.00	2.36	2.07	2.64	2.93	2.90	2.75	2.90	2.00	2.40	2.75
Soap ..	"	6.97	7.03	7.03	7.48	7.48	7.48	7.33	7.38	7.38	7.53	7.53	7.53	7.20	7.20	7.20
Kerosene ..	quart	5.66	5.70	5.70	6.52	6.52	6.52	7.46	7.46	7.46	7.68	7.68	7.46	6.76	6.76	6.76
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.91	19.91	19.91	19.93	19.93	19.93	20.21	20.21	20.21	21.60	21.60	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.91	14.91	14.91	15.21	15.21	15.21	16.14	16.14	16.14	17.30	17.30	15.30	15.30	15.30	15.30
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.09	26.90	26.80	19.86	22.86	23.00	24.43	27.71	30.43	34.50	34.50	30.00	21.00	25.60	28.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	18.32	17.73	18.55	16.71	16.86	16.86	18.64	18.71	18.71	17.50	17.25	17.20	17.30	17.30	17.30
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.45	9.45	9.50	9.71	9.71	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.20	10.20	10.00	9.80	9.80	10.00	
Milk, fresh ..	quart	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.00	6.00	6.86	6.86	6.86	8.80	8.80	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.29	9.29	9.29	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.60	10.60	10.70
,, rib ..	"	7.00	6.95	6.95	7.00	7.00	6.30	6.30	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.30	8.30	8.30	
,, steak, rump ..	"	16.75	16.70	16.80	15.00	15.00	12.14	12.14	12.43	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	
,, chuck ..	"	7.75	7.75	7.70	7.14	7.14	6.50	6.50	6.57	6.40	6.40	6.40	8.30	8.30	8.40	
,, sausages ..	"	7.71	7.60	7.64	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.14	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.30	8.30	8.40	
,, (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.60	10.50	10.60	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.30	9.30	9.40	
,, brisket ..	"	7.80	7.80	7.75	8.00	8.00	7.14	7.14	7.14	6.00	6.00	5.80	8.40	8.40	8.50	
,, forequarter ..	"	8.00	7.90	7.95	8.00	8.00	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	
,, loin ..	"	4.80	4.80	4.65	4.50	4.50	4.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	
,, chops, loin ..	"	7.15	7.00	7.05	7.71	7.86	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	
,, leg ..	"	8.15	8.10	8.10	7.86	7.86	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	
Pork, leg ..	"	7.78	7.72	7.61	8.50	8.33	8.33	8.43	8.57	8.57	8.80	8.80	8.80	10.00	10.00	10.00
,, loin ..	"	16.10	15.40	15.90	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.86	14.57	14.86	13.00	13.00	14.50	15.80	15.80	15.60
,, chops ..	"	16.20	15.50	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.71	14.57	14.86	11.00	11.00	11.75	15.80	15.80	15.60
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms ..	232.50	..	216.22	..	206.93	..	217.65	..	..	167.23	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS
SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1943; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1943.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIRIE.			MT. GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.			
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
Groceries, &c—																	
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.93	4.93	4.93	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.00	5.00	5.00	
" self-raising ..	"	7.15	7.15	7.15	8.71	8.71	8.71	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.63	8.63	8.63	
Tea ..	lb.	40.80	40.95	40.95	41.82	41.82	41.82	41.50	41.50	41.50	41.90	41.90	41.90	42.25	42.25	42.25	
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50	
Rice (Australian) (a) ..	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	
Sago (a) ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	10.80	11.10	12.00	11.50	11.40	11.93	11.29	11.67	12.40	11.70	11.70	11.80	11.63	11.75	13.13	
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.80	6.80	6.90	8.30	8.30	8.33	8.80	8.75	8.75	8.10	8.20	8.20	8.50	8.50	8.50	
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.90	3.90	3.90	4.13	4.21	4.21	3.81	3.81	3.81	4.00	4.00	4.00	
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.17	11.17	11.27	11.86	11.86	11.86	12.83	12.83	12.83	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.75	12.75	12.50	
Currants ..	"	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.75	10.75	10.63	
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00	
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	13.42	13.42	13.42	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.83	15.83	15.83	13.33	13.33	13.33	15.00	15.00	15.00	
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	13.30	13.30	13.30	14.75	14.75	14.75	15.50	15.50	15.50	13.75	13.75	13.75	14.67	14.67	14.67	
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.19	9.12	10.94	11.13	11.13	13.13	10.71	11.50	12.71	7.85	8.83	10.61	10.75	11.63	13.25	
Onions, brown (a) ..	lb.	3.50	2.17	2.85	4.00	3.67	3.67	2.75	3.00	3.00	5.00	2.50	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.50	
Soap ..	"	7.36	7.36	7.36	7.86	7.86	7.86	7.33	7.43	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.53	7.75	7.75	7.75	
Kerosene ..	quart	5.64	5.64	5.64	6.21	6.29	6.29	6.61	6.61	6.61	6.18	6.18	6.23	6.38	6.44	6.44	
Dairy Produce—																	
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.71	21.86	21.86	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.88	20.88	20.88	
Cheese, mild ..	14.44	14.44	14.44	14.56	16.29	16.14	16.29	16.57	16.86	16.86	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.00	16.50	
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.95	22.90	25.45	18.71	19.00	21.17	19.43	19.86	22.43	18.20	19.00	21.00	18.75	20.25	22.25	
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	19.00	19.05	19.10	19.57	19.57	19.57	20.29	20.29	20.29	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.25	9.25	9.25	10.14	10.21	10.14	9.93	9.93	10.14	10.20	10.20	10.30	9.63	9.63	9.75	
" fresh ..	quart	6.50	6.50	6.50	7.14	7.14	7.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	
Meat—																	
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.45	11.55	11.75	10.86	10.86	11.29	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.20	11.00	8.33	8.33	8.33	
" rib ..	"	9.80	9.70	9.75	9.86	9.86	10.43	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.40	9.60	9.80	8.33	8.33	8.33	
" steak, rump ..	"	16.20	16.10	16.30	15.00	15.00	15.14	17.00	17.00	17.00	14.60	14.60	14.80	15.00	15.00	15.00	
" chuck ..	"	10.10	10.10	10.30	10.14	10.14	10.43	12.00	12.00	12.00	7.40	7.40	7.40	9.00	9.00	9.00	
" sausages ..	"	6.89	6.89	6.89	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.00	8.00	8.00	5.60	5.80	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.40	11.50	11.70	11.57	11.57	11.71	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.40	10.20	10.60	11.33	11.33	11.33	
" brisket ..	"	8.00	8.25	8.35	9.86	9.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.40	8.20	8.20	9.33	9.33	9.33	
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.05	9.10	9.30	8.43	8.43	8.64	9.86	9.86	9.86	7.50	7.30	7.70	9.00	9.00	9.00	
" forequarter ..	"	4.75	4.75	5.00	6.07	6.07	6.29	6.86	6.86	6.86	5.00	4.80	4.90	5.33	5.33	5.33	
" loin ..	"	8.50	8.35	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.86	6.90	7.00	7.67	7.67	7.67		
" chops, loin ..	"	9.60	9.40	9.50	9.14	9.14	9.14	11.00	11.00	11.00	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.00	10.00	10.00	
" chops, leg ..	"	10.20	10.00	10.00	9.29	9.29	9.43	11.00	11.00	11.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	10.00	10.00	10.00	
Pork, leg ..	"	13.30	13.40	13.60	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.14	13.14	13.14	11.40	11.40	11.40	13.33	13.33	13.33	
" loin ..	"	13.80	13.70	14.10	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	11.40	11.40	11.40	12.00	12.00	12.00	
" chops ..	"	14.40	14.40	14.70	12.57	12.57	12.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.20	12.20	12.20	13.33	13.33	13.33	
House Rents	4 and 5 Rooms	..	240.69	96.19	179.48	179.81	189.83

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

Retail Prices.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS
SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1943; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1943.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH AND FREMANTLE.			KALGOORLIE AND BOULDER.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	5.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.20	5.20	5.20
" self-raising ..	"	8.00	7.95	7.95	9.14	9.14	9.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.13	8.13	8.13	8.73	8.93	8.93
Tea ..	lb.	41.00	41.00	41.00	42.64	42.64	42.79	41.50	41.50	41.50	41.00	41.00	41.13	41.00	41.40	41.60
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.96	4.96	4.96	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a) ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago (a) ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.15	11.20	11.25	12.36	12.57	12.57	11.88	11.88	11.88	11.50	11.50	11.75	12.00	12.00	12.20
Golden Syrup (a) ..	2 lb.	7.90	7.90	7.90	11.00	10.75	10.75	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.50	8.50	8.50
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.06	4.13	4.13	4.23	4.33	4.33	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.13	4.17	4.17	4.30	4.30	4.30
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.89	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.33	12.33	12.00	12.00	12.00
Currants ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.14	11.14	11.43	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.50	10.80	10.80	10.80
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	14.29	14.29	14.29	16.40	16.80	16.80	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.83	15.83	15.83
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	15.10	15.10	15.10	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.25	16.25	16.25
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	11.90	11.60	11.35	12.50	12.29	12.36	13.63	12.25	12.50	12.00	11.50	11.38	13.20	13.10	12.70
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.05	2.25	2.40	3.64	3.08	2.79	4.00	3.00	2.88	4.00	3.75	3.88	3.75	3.10	2.70
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.47	7.47	7.47
Kerosene ..	quart	6.60	6.60	6.60	8.81	8.85	8.85	6.81	6.81	6.85	7.46	7.46	7.50	7.53	7.53	7.58
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.71	23.71	23.71	23.00	23.00	23.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	22.00	22.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.85	17.85	17.85	17.86	17.86	18.29	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.75	17.25	17.75	17.80	18.20	18.20
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.80	24.60	25.30	25.14	26.14	28.83	22.75	23.75	25.50	22.00	21.00	22.25	22.40	24.80	25.80
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.86	18.86	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.63	9.63	9.63	10.13	10.13	10.13	10.60	10.60	10.60
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.80	11.80	12.00	11.71	11.86	11.86	11.50	11.50	11.25	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.33	10.33	10.33
" rib ..	"	9.75	9.85	10.05	10.71	10.86	10.86	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.00	10.00	9.33	9.33	9.33	9.33
" steak, rump ..	"	17.60	17.60	17.90	17.71	18.00	17.86	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chuck ..	"	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.71	12.00	11.86	11.25	11.25	11.25	10.60	10.60	10.80	9.00	9.00	9.00
" sausages ..	"	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.71	9.71	9.86	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.20	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.25	11.25	11.25	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
brisket ..	"	7.80	7.85	8.05	8.43	8.57	8.29	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.60	10.50	10.64	10.57	9.50	9.50	9.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.67	9.00	9.33
" forequarter ..	"	5.45	5.45	5.60	6.50	6.57	6.50	5.88	5.88	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.33	5.33	5.33
" loin ..	"	8.65	8.65	9.15	10.00	10.21	10.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.80	9.80	10.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
" chops, loin ..	"	9.80	9.80	10.20	10.93	11.00	10.93	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.80	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Pork, leg ..	"	10.10	10.10	10.50	10.93	10.93	10.93	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	"	13.80	13.90	14.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	12.50	12.50	12.75	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops ..	"	14.20	14.20	14.40	15.33	15.57	15.57	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms ..	238.66	261.04	261.04	226.01	226.01	226.01	243.96	243.96	243.96	266.11	266.11	266.11			

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1943; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1943.**

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary	"	4.10	4.10	4.10	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising	"	7.70	7.70	7.75	7.43	7.43	7.43	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.75	7.75	7.75
Tea	lb.	41.15	41.15	41.15	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.10	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00
Sugar	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.88	3.88	3.88	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago(a)	"	7.63	7.63	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	9.50	9.50	9.55	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.50	9.50	9.50
Golden Syrup	2 lb.	8.35	8.35	8.35	7.43	7.50	7.50	8.10	8.20	8.20	7.80	7.80	7.80	9.50	9.50	9.50
Oats, flaked (a)	lb.	4.05	4.05	4.05	3.68	3.68	3.68	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.70	3.70	3.70	4.75	4.75	4.75
Raisins, seeded	"	11.85	11.85	11.85	11.43	11.43	11.43	11.63	11.63	11.63	11.90	11.90	11.90	12.63	12.63	12.67
" currants	"	10.56	10.56	10.56	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.88	11.13	10.88
" apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.67	13.67	13.67	13.50	13.50	13.50
Pears, canned (a)	"	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.20	13.20	13.20	12.83	12.83	12.83	14.33	14.33	14.33	14.00	14.00	14.00
Salmon, in tins (a)	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes	7 lb.	14.11	12.28	12.11	12.68	10.75	10.84	9.35	8.96	10.57	13.24	10.96	10.64	14.55	12.61	14.11
Onions, brown	lb.	3.55	3.35	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.90	3.40	3.20	3.20	3.67	3.38	3.38	3.38
" soap	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.33	7.33	7.33
" kerosene	quart	8.22	8.22	8.22	7.91	7.91	7.91	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.63	7.63	7.63	8.72	8.72	8.72
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.25	20.25	20.25
Cheese, mild	"	17.56	17.56	17.56	15.64	15.64	15.64	16.70	16.70	16.90	16.80	16.80	16.80	17.00	17.00	17.00
Eggs, new laid	doz.	22.20	22.80	25.60	18.14	20.14	24.14	18.20	18.00	21.88	15.20	17.00	18.80	21.88	23.00	26.13
Bacon, rashers	lb.	20.78	20.78	20.78	19.86	20.00	20.00	20.40	20.40	20.60	19.90	19.90	19.90	20.33	20.33	20.33
Milk, condensed	tin	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.64	9.71	9.79	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.00	10.00	10.13
" fresh	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.33	6.33	6.33	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	10.33
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	11.90	11.90	12.20	10.64	10.64	10.64	11.00	11.00	11.25	10.33	10.33	10.33	12.00	12.00	12.00
" rib	"	9.70	9.70	10.10	8.86	8.86	9.00	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.33	10.33	10.33	11.33	11.33	11.33
" steak, rump	"	17.30	17.40	18.20	14.29	14.14	14.14	14.25	14.25	14.25	12.67	12.67	12.67	15.33	15.33	15.33
" chuck	"	9.85	9.85	9.95	7.86	7.86	7.86	9.25	9.25	9.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	11.33	11.33	11.33
" sausages	"	7.40	7.50	7.50	7.14	7.14	7.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Beef (corned) silver-side	"	11.40	11.40	11.75	10.14	10.14	10.14	11.25	11.25	12.00	10.33	10.33	10.33	12.33	12.33	12.33
" brisket	"	9.35	9.35	9.75	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.75	9.75	10.00	9.33	9.33	9.33	11.33	11.33	11.33
Mutton, leg	"	9.40	9.45	10.15	10.00	10.00	10.29	13.00	13.00	13.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" forequarter	"	5.55	5.55	5.85	5.79	5.79	6.29	9.50	9.50	10.00	9.33	9.33	9.33	9.33	9.33	9.33
" loin	"	8.80	8.60	8.70	8.64	8.64	8.93	12.50	12.50	13.00	11.67	11.67	11.67	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops, loin	"	10.15	10.15	10.85	11.29	11.57	11.57	14.25	14.25	14.25	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Pork, leg	"	10.20	10.20	11.40	11.29	11.57	11.71	13.75	13.75	14.25	11.67	11.67	11.67	12.00	12.00	12.00
" loin	"	14.80	14.50	16.00	13.71	14.43	14.71	13.75	13.75	13.50	13.33	13.33	13.33	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chops	"	15.20	15.10	16.00	13.71	14.43	14.71	14.25	14.25	14.25	13.33	13.33	13.33	14.00	14.00	14.00
House Rents	4 and 5 Rooms	..	251.84	..	..	231.68	..	..	213.93	..	..	193.64	..	..	202.55	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agricultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Produce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,528
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	950	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,008
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,808	2,058
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,382	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,048	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,905	1,758
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,886
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,700	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,937	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 82 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928-29 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.
BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and dealers, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Tex-tiles.	Chem-i-cals.	Rubber and Hides.	Build-ing Ma-terials.	Food-stuffs and To-bacco.	Goods prin-ci-pally Im-ported.	Goods prin-ci-pally Home Pro-duced.	All Groups.
1928-29	..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1934-35	..	766	842	609	840	674	981	816	1,009	749
1935-36	..	725	895	774	816	766	981	857	1,037	776
1936-37	..	758	925	920	814	963	1,044	910	1,088	828
1937-38	..	798	951	776	824	844	1,098	932	1,117	845
1938-39	..	808	944	633	833	806	1,024	961	1,087	862
1939-40	..	828	1,083	806	880	1,013	1,144	946	1,214	866
1940-41	..	846	1,292	858	1,018	1,094	1,355	999	1,454	896
1941-42	..	924	1,418	919	1,130	1,176	1,427	1,092	1,674	949
1939-40—										
October	..	816	993	850	835	986	1,099	943	1,157	857
November	..	829	1,039	855	835	1,046	1,134	934	1,195	936
December	..	829	1,087	842	839	1,083	1,140	931	1,231	850
January	..	829	1,096	844	922	1,082	1,139	941	1,234	864
February	..	830	1,097	816	923	1,098	1,200	947	1,249	869
March	..	833	1,140	834	923	1,089	1,201	960	1,266	880
April	..	849	1,152	843	924	1,063	1,203	982	1,275	898
May	..	835	1,274	843	924	1,084	1,201	995	1,329	908
June	..	835	1,279	838	924	1,062	1,287	982	1,352	899
1940-41—										
July	..	835	1,280	836	1,006	1,052	1,287	983	1,361	898
August	..	835	1,275	825	1,014	1,050	1,359	997	1,373	914
September	..	835	1,272	833	1,014	1,051	1,359	1,003	1,368	919
October	..	841	1,282	850	1,012	1,059	1,359	1,005	1,398	915
November	..	841	1,282	848	1,019	1,112	1,359	974	1,392	897
December	..	841	1,286	852	1,019	1,106	1,359	1,030	1,488	906
January	..	847	1,285	853	1,020	1,092	1,354	1,036	1,489	910
February	..	848	1,283	852	1,020	1,084	1,355	997	1,495	881
March	..	848	1,284	863	1,022	1,094	1,355	989	1,495	876
April	..	857	1,325	878	1,022	1,121	1,355	992	1,516	881
May	..	859	1,325	895	1,022	1,180	1,379	991	1,537	879
June	..	859	1,326	897	1,022	1,128	1,379	994	1,539	880
1941-42—										
July	..	885	1,327	878	1,022	1,132	1,382	1,027	1,554	904
August	..	888	1,351	889	1,042	1,131	1,382	1,056	1,564	927
September	..	918	1,373	898	1,123	1,131	1,382	1,069	1,615	936
October	..	918	1,377	910	1,123	1,134	1,390	1,069	1,636	931
November	..	918	1,402	914	1,146	1,166	1,399	1,071	1,676	927
December	..	924	1,400	909	1,146	1,188	1,399	1,051	1,664	919
January	..	924	1,431	905	1,158	1,237	1,399	1,056	1,658	931
February	..	926	1,438	920	1,158	1,247	1,399	1,078	1,654	950
March	..	926	1,481	929	1,160	1,189	1,399	1,084	1,671	955
April	..	950	1,480	948	1,160	1,188	1,399	1,113	1,690	975
May	..	952	1,480	964	1,161	1,185	1,600	1,187	1,843	998
June	..	956	1,480	961	1,161	1,185	1,598	1,239	1,859	1,030
1942-43—										
July	..	956	1,495	1,058	1,161	1,185	1,598	1,225	1,814	1,041
August	..	972	1,545	1,055	1,161	1,185	1,600	1,231	1,823	1,054
September	..	975	1,545	1,072	1,161	1,185	1,600	1,246	1,892	1,045
October	..	1,026	1,550	1,076	1,161	1,185	1,600	1,207	1,889	1,030
November	..	1,031	1,552	1,080	1,174	1,185	1,614	1,197	1,920	1,018
December	..	1,031	1,583	1,152	1,174	1,183	1,785	1,173	1,976	1,008
January	..	1,031	1,587	1,199	1,174	1,233	1,785	1,134	1,966	987
February	..	1,031	1,589	1,192	1,177	1,233	1,795	1,155	1,966	1,003
March	..	1,031	1,592	1,199	1,177	1,233	1,795	1,178	1,979	1,016

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base 1928-29 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 34 Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1928-29	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1934-35	749	506	646	655	689	2,001	674
1935-36	803	767	711	768	735	2,061	781
1936-37	950	857	761	870	795	2,038	877
1937-38	850	789	829	817	879	2,044	836
1938-39	770	681	868	745	756	2,074	761
1939-40	760	792	873	796	789	2,289	812
1940-41	853	844	844	847	906	2,509	871
1941-42(b)	886	872	880	878	945	2,515	902
1941-42—(b)							
October	884	865	874	873	972	2,519	896
November	879	860	873	869	972	2,511	893
December	861	843	873	855	982	2,483	881
January	879	839	873	859	982	2,467	887
February	889	856	872	870	984	2,460	897
March	897	859	880	876	984	2,460	902
April	900	880	906	891	987	2,460	917
May	893	917	907	907	994	2,460	931
June	897	961	908	930	1,022	2,460	952
1942-43—(b)							
July	902	1,030	914	965	1,023	2,460	984
August	908	1,049	922	978	1,032	2,460	996
September	906	1,032	927	970	1,032	2,460	988
October	921	988	927	954	1,032	2,460	974
November	925	958	924	941	1,041	2,460	962
December	906	960	927	936	1,041	2,460	960
January	892	947	919	923	1,041	2,460	949
February	903	963	916	934	1,041	2,460	960
March	926	965	924	944	1,041	2,460	969
April	916	965	923	941	1,042	2,460	966

(a) Year ended December previous. (b) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Year.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Month.	1940-41.		1941-42.		1942-43.	
				Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.
1928-29	1,000	1,000	July ..	848	882	859	894	937	966
1930-31	608	620	August ..	844	879	861	896	936	965
1931-32	593	612	September ..	846	881	862	897	937	967
1932-33	579	601	October ..	847	882	866	900	935	965
1933-34	796	764	November ..	847	883	870	904	937	966
1934-35	615	642	December ..	847	882	871	904	935	965
1935-36	782	806							
1936-37	959	975	January ..	848	883	873	906	940	970
1937-38	850	871	February ..	855	889	872	905	939	969
1938-39	681	711	March ..	859	894	872	905	944	973
1939-40	800	835	April ..	859	894	873	906	944	973
1940-41	852	886	May ..	859	893	875	907	..	..
1941-42	869	902	June ..	859	894	871	902	..	..

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

† (Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.					Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (a)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms) "B" Series.	All Items of Household Expenditure "C" Series.				
Year—								
1911 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	(b) 1,000	1,000	(b) 1,000	948	4.7
1914 ..	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,081	1,081	948	8.3
1921 ..	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2	
1928 ..	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8	
1937 ..	1,521	1,488	1,510	1,448	1,707	1,178	9.3	
1938 ..	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7	
1939 ..	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7	
1940 ..	1,679	1,590	1,644	1,588	1,889	1,190	8.0	
1941 ..	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,673	1,997	1,194	9.7	
1942 ..	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,509	2,164	1,196	1.6	
Quarter—								
1933.								
March ..	1,317	1,318	1,318	1,327	1,585	1,194	26.5	
June ..	1,337	1,314	1,329	1,334	1,595	1,196	25.7	
September ..	1,359	1,311	1,341	1,340	1,587	1,184	25.1	
December ..	1,355	1,311	1,339	1,337	1,570	1,174	23.0	
1934.								
March ..	1,371	1,315	1,350	1,344	1,572	1,170	21.9	
June ..	1,404	1,319	1,372	1,358	1,592	1,172	20.9	
September ..	1,401	1,331	1,375	1,357	1,596	1,176	20.4	
December ..	1,422	1,332	1,388	1,381	1,599	1,175	18.8	
1935.								
March ..	1,420	1,356	1,396	1,368	1,607	1,175	18.6	
June ..	1,425	1,363	1,402	1,371	1,609	1,174	17.8	
September ..	1,461	1,379	1,430	1,389	1,613	1,161	15.9	
December ..	1,460	1,390	1,434	1,391	1,620	1,165	13.7	
1936.								
March ..	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4	
June ..	1,455	1,425	1,444	1,397	1,629	1,166	12.8	
September ..	1,489	1,449	1,474	1,420	1,641	1,156	12.0	
December ..	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,430	1,659	1,160	10.7	
1937.								
March ..	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9	
June ..	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7	
September ..	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3	
December ..	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2	
1938.								
March ..	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0	
June ..	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6	
September ..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2	
December ..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9	
1939.								
March ..	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6	
June ..	1,684	1,575	1,623	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5	
September ..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2	
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.8	
1940.								
March ..	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9	
June ..	1,688	1,589	1,649	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5	
September ..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4	
December ..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2	
1941.								
March ..	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3	
June ..	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6	
September ..	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2	
December ..	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9	
1942.								
March ..	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8	
June ..	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7	
September ..	1,887	1,595	1,768	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6	
December ..	1,880	1,595	1,764	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3	
1943.								
March ..	1,860	1,595	1,752	1,863	..	..	..	1.2

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(b) Taken back from true base (November, 1914=1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

† The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	
Population (a)	Males	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,597,444
	Females	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,539,777
	Persons	2,306,736	3,240,935	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,137,221
Births	No.	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525
	Rate	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.94
Deaths	No.	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176
	Rate	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.02
Marriages	No.	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	75,148
	Rate	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.58
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1940-41.	
Agriculture—								
Wheat	Area, acs.	2,995,814	3,334,957	5,115,965	7,427,834	9,719,042	14,741,313	12,644,646
	Yld., bushl.	21,443,862	25,675,265	38,561,619	71,636,347	129,088,806	190,612,188	82,233,324
	Av., "	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	6.50
Oats	Area, acs.	194,816	246,129	461,430	616,794	733,406	1,085,489	1,722,902
	Yld., bushl.	4,705,897	5,726,256	9,789,854	9,561,833	12,147,433	15,194,680	10,199,218
	Av., "	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	5.92
Barley	Area, acs.	75,864	65,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	757,447
	Yld., bushl.	1,353,380	1,178,560	1,519,819	2,056,836	6,055,685	6,290,672	7,133,620
	Av., "	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	9.42
Maize	Area, acs.	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	362,861
	Yld., bushl.	5,726,266	9,261,922	7,034,786	8,939,855	7,840,438	7,062,383	9,192,744
	Av., "	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	25.33
Hay	Area, acs.	768,388	942,166	1,688,402	2,518,351	2,994,519	2,634,680	2,358,506
	Yld., tons	767,194	1,067,255	2,024,608	2,867,973	3,902,189	3,167,459	2,177,470
	Av., "	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	0.93
Potatoes (b)	Area, acs.	76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	146,111	122,990
	Yld., tons	243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	454,384
	Av., "	3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.69
Sugar-cane (c)	Area, acs.	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	273,491
	Yld., tons	349,627	737,573	1,367,802	1,682,250	2,436,890	4,213,453	5,523,416
	Av., "	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.20
Vineyards	Area, acs.	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	130,006
	Wine, gal.	1,438,000	3,437,598	5,262,447	4,975,147	8,542,573	14,190,522	15,981,526
	Total gross value all agricultural production £	15,519,000	16,988,000	23,835,000	23,774,000	81,890,000	74,489,000	71,398,000
Pastoral, dairying, &c.—								
Live Stock	Sheep No.	65,092,719	106,421,068	72,040,211	96,886,234	86,119,068	110,618,893	122,693,601
	Cattle	8,010,991	11,112,112	8,491,428	11,828,954	14,441,309	12,260,955	13,255,841
	Horses ..	1,088,029	1,584,737	1,620,420	2,278,226	2,438,182	1,775,550	1,665,616
Wool prodn.	Pigs	703,188	845,888	931,309	1,110,721	960,385	1,167,845	1,797,821
	Ib. (d)	319,649,000	634,046,000	539,305,000	798,391,000	723,059,000	1,007,456,000	1,411,775,000
	Butter production	{ (e)	42,314,585	103,747,295	212,073,745	267,071,340	390,654,070	432,082,922
Cheese production	{ (e)	10,130,945	11,845,153	15,886,712	32,653,003	31,422,973	60,004,440	88,773,119
	Bacon and ham	{ (e)	16,771,886	34,020,629	53,335,092	58,626,469	71,131,740	
	Total gross value of pastoral and dairying production ..	29,538,000	39,256,000	36,890,000	72,883,000	119,399,000	103,018,000	173,755,000
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	
Mineral production—								
Gold	£	5,194,390	5,281,861	14,017,538	10,551,624	4,018,685	8,563,519	15,990,550
	£	45,622	3,736,352	2,248,598	3,022,177	1,539,992	1,443,897	4,745,046
	Copper	714,003	367,375	2,215,431	2,564,278	803,957	567,558	893,080
Tin ..	£	1,145,889	560,502	448,234	1,209,973	418,418	216,205	711,628
	Zinc	200	2,979	4,067	1,415,169	283,455	512,795	916,905
	Coal	637,865	1,912,353	2,602,733	3,927,360	11,014,831	6,355,246	8,327,341
Total value of all mineral production ..	£	7,820,290	12,074,106	21,816,772	23,302,878	19,997,384	13,352,316	(h) 40,002,669
Forestry production—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft.	(e)	(e)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	825,634	
Factories—								
No. of factories ..				14,455	18,023	21,657	27,300	
Hands employed No.	(i)	(i)	(i)	311,710	378,540	336,658	650,073	
Wages paid £	(i)	(i)	(i)	27,528,377	68,050,861	55,931,818	137,919,068	
Value of production £				51,259,004	121,674,119	110,981,830	257,914,349	
Total value of output £				133,022,090	320,331,765	281,645,785	644,794,908	
(a) At 31st December. (b) Partly estimated for 1881. (c) Area of productive cane. (d) In terms of greasy. (e) Information not available. (f) Years ended December, except for last which refer to years ended June. (g) Year, 1938, later figures are not available for publication. (h) Owing to variation in classification and lack of information, effective comparison is impossible.								

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Years.						
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.
Shipping— Oversea vessels (No. ent. & cleared) tons	3,284 2,549,364	3,778 4,726,307	4,028 6,541,991	4,174 9,984,801	3,111 9,081,278	3,057 11,395,784	(a) 3,814 (a) 13,545,712
Commerce— Imports, oversea £ per head £ 12/16/2	29,067,000 12,16/2	37,711,000 11/16/0	42,434,000 11/3/11	66,967,488 14/18/2	103,066,436 18/14/1	44,712,868 6/16/6	(b) 149,355,797 20/18/6
Exports, oversea £ per head £ 12/2/8	27,528,000 12/2/8	36,043,000 11/5/6	49,696,000 13/2/2	79,482,258 17/13/10	127,846,535 23/4/1	85,842,887 13/1/11	bc 127,208,381 17/16/6
Total oversea trade £ per head £ 24/18/10	56,595,000 24/18/10	73,754,000 23/1/6	92,130,000 24/6/1	146,449,746 32/12/0	230,912,971 41/18/2	130,555,755 19/18/5	b 276,564,178 38/15/0
Customs and Excise duties £ per head £ 2/2/5	4,809,326 2/2/5	7,440,869 2/6/7	8,656,530 2/5/8	13,515,005 2/19/2	27,565,199 5/0/1	28,524,996 4/7/1	56,777,344 7/19/1
Principal Oversea Exports (d)							
Wool lb. (e)	328,369,200	619,259,800	518,018,100	720,364,900	927,833,700	893,644,148	(f)
Wool central	13,173,026	19,940,029	15,237,454	26,071,193	47,977,044	32,102,246	58,040,901
Wheat £ tons	3,218,792 1,189,762	5,876,875 1,938,864	12,156,053 2,774,643	33,088,704 9,641,608	59,968,334 28,644,155	76,440,603 19,220,203	(f) 4,644,793
Flour £ tons	49,549 519,635	33,363 328,423	96,814 589,604	175,891 1,391,529	359,734 5,519,881	610,858 3,833,237	(f) 4,191,382
Butter lb.	1,298,800	4,239,500	34,607,400	101,722,100	127,347,400	201,639,404	(f)
Butter £	39,383	206,868	1,451,168	4,637,362	7,968,078	10,250,002	8,124,975
Hides and skins £	316,878	873,695	1,250,938	3,227,236	3,136,810	2,315,594	5,981,589
Tallow £	644,149	571,069	677,745	1,935,836	1,441,795	831,415	841,719
Meats £	362,965	460,894	2,611,244	4,303,159	5,542,102	6,370,012	14,094,013
Timber (undressed) £	118,117	38,448	731,301	1,023,960	1,158,166	432,595	320,400
Gold £	6,445,365	5,703,532	14,315,741	12,045,766	3,483,239	12,694,786	(f)
Silver and lead £	57,954	1,932,278	2,250,253	3,212,584	2,697,130	2,902,056	(f)
Copper £	676,515	417,687	1,619,145	2,345,961	705,358	472,468	(f)
Coal £	361,081	645,972	986,957	900,622	1,099,899	341,800	259,093
Govt. Railways— Lgth. of line open, mls.	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,241
Capital cost £	42,741,350	99,764,090	123,223,779	152,194,603	244,353,233	323,365,450	323,545,989
Gross revenue £	3,910,122	8,654,085	11,038,468	17,847,837	38,194,630	37,579,965	66,481,738
Working expenses £	2,141,755	5,630,182	7,133,617	10,948,727	29,817,970	28,141,984	51,043,094
Per cent. of working expenses on earnings %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78
Postal— Letters and post-cards dealt with No.	67,640,000	157,297,000	220,853,000	453,063,000	561,973,105	g 731,134,500	g 941,815,900
," per head ,	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	131.96
Newspapers dealt with No.	38,063,000	85,280,000	102,727,000	141,638,000	140,477,184	139,502,100	158,058,700
," per head ,	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	22.15
Cheque-paying Banks (h)— Note circulation £	3,978,711	4,417,269	3,399,462	3,718,458	(i) 213,868	197,121	(j) 166,620
Coin and bullion held £	9,108,243	16,712,923	19,780,528	33,470,770	21,626,830	2,882,026	(j) 4,333,813
Advances £	57,732,824	129,741,583	86,352,832	108,578,774	193,435,767	k 260,917,515	jk 284,713,683
Deposits £	53,849,455	98,345,338	91,487,148	143,446,910	l 273,866,737	k 319,241,333	jk 577,594,889
Savings Banks (m)— Total deposits £	7,854,480	15,536,592	30,882,645	59,393,682	154,396,051	197,966,308	n 336,111,304
Aver. per head of population £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	46/15/7
					1921.	1931.	1940.
State Schools— Number of Schools ..	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,820
Teachers No.	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	31,585
Enrolment ..	432,320	561,153	638,478	688,850	819,042	936,901	903,481
Aver. attendance ..	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	817,262	741,496

(a) 1938-39 figures. (b) Merchandise only. (c) British currency values. The recorded values were : Exports, 1931-32, £A109,034,065; and 1941-42, £A159,328,498, *vide* page 15. (d) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. (e) In terms of greasy. (f) Not available for publication. (g) Includes packets. (h) Figures for the first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. (i) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (j) Quarter ended March, 1943. (k) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (l) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits. (m) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (n) At 31st March, 1943.

